

Prayer Book Burning, Excommunication Scored; Dr. Kaplan Says Rabbis Made Selves Ridiculous

Conservative Rabbis Condemn Action

NEW YORK—Declaring that the Orthodox rabbis had "in a moment of irresponsible hysteria stooped to methods employed by the arch enemies of religious freedom and democracy," the executive council of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, in a resolution, scored the recent burning of the new Reconstructionist prayer book and the "excommunication" of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan.

The resolution read:

"The Rabbinical Assembly of America voices its strong condemnation of the recent action taken by a group of rabbis called together under the aegis of the Agudat Harabbanim (Union of Orthodox Rabbis) at a New York hotel convoked through an advertisement in the daily press. At this gathering, the Sabbath Prayer Book issued by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation an edited by our revered colleague Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan and three associates, was burned and he himself 'excommunicated' by the Agudat Harabbanim, which is one of several organizations of orthodox rabbis in the United States.

Denies Body's Authority

"The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national organization of the Conservative Rabbinate denies the authority of any outside body to sit in judgment on one of our colleagues.

"We do not intend here to enter into a discussion of the merits of the Reconstructionist prayer book concerning which there is considerable difference of opinion within the ranks of the Rabbinical Assembly. In fact, an authorized prayer book, prepared by a Joint Prayer Book Commission of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue, has been prepared and will appear in the fall.

"Nonetheless, we are all unanimous in voicing our condemnation of the hysterical step taken by the Agudat Harabbanim. The action of burning a book of prayer, drawn in largest measure from the pages of Scripture and the entire range of Jewish sacred literature, and in which the Divine Name occurs times without number, is a clear violation of Jewish law. It constitutes a *hillul hashem*, a desecration of the Divine Name, which threatens to undermine respect for Judaism everywhere. Nor is it calculated to increase respect for the Agudat Harabbanim, which has in a moment of irresponsible hysteria stooped to methods employed by the arch

Greenberg Resigns As Zionist Chairman

NEW YORK—Hayim Greenberg, Labor-Zionist leader, has submitted his resignation as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, it was learned here. The executive committee of the council is expected to meet within the next few days to act upon the resignation.

Meanwhile, members of the Jewish Agency executive who are now in the United States issued a statement denying a report carried by all Yiddish dailies to the effect that representatives of the Agency here are preventing a solution of the Silver-Wise controversy.

Jewish Tribes Found In Arabian Desert

JERUSALEM—The existence of several Jewish tribes in the heart of the Arabian Desert, completely cut off from all contact with the remainder of Jewry, was revealed here by Vehye Khabany, the first member of one of the tribes, Kaban of Hadramut, to arrive in Palestine.

This tribe was located in Southern Arabia and Khabany and his family rode on camels across the desert to Aden, their journey taking about a fortnight.

A clandestine radio station broadcasting appeals to the German people to attack the "Jewish bolshevist Allied armies" was uncovered this week by the Allied Military Government in Germany.

enemies of religious freedom and democracy. The attempt to regiment the religious thinking and behaviour of Jews by methods of suppression which all civilized humanity has outgrown, is contrary to the spirit of Judaism, even as it is repulsive to all right thinking people.

Not Feeling of U. S. Jewry

"Conscious of the collective responsibility of the rabbinate to uphold the good name of Israel and the dignity of our faith, we feel called upon to apologize for this evidence of irresponsibility, which is prompted more by partisan rivalry than by honest zeal. We assure the public at large that the action of the Agudat Harabbanim is in violation of the feelings of the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, whose loyalty to Judaism seeks to express itself not only through ritual observance and ethical conduct but also through a genuine respect for the freedom of man's conscience."

Dr. Kaplan Defends New Prayer Book

NEW YORK—The preparation of the prayer-book, for which he was excommunicated, Dr. M. M. Kaplan explained, was motivated by a desire to develop a religious service that would give "modern-minded Jews a form of worship in which they could participate with devotion and sincerity." He said it was not intended for those Jews who were satisfied with the traditional prayers, and that the action against him raised the question of "freedom of worship." He added that the excommunicating rabbis were merely "making themselves ridiculous."

"Modification" in Dr. Kaplan's introduction to the book which the orthodox rabbis particularly condemned include the statement that Jews are not a divinely chosen race; that the Torah is a human document and not one "supernaturally inspired," and that modern Jews no longer look forward to the advent of a personal Messiah.

The book was burned at a "cherem" proceedings at the Hotel McAlpin here by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Light Book's Edges With Match

The gathering at which the excommunication was issued was attended by several hundred rabbis from New York and adjacent areas and by large numbers of outstanding orthodox laymen. After the "cherem" was issued, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, president of the rabbinical organization, placed a copy of the prayer book on the table. When young Rabbi Joseph Ralbag placed a lit match to the edges of the book, symbolizing its burning, loud outbursts of cries were heard from all corners of the assembly hall.

After the "cherem" document was read Rabbi Rosenberg asked the assembled to rise and give their approval to the action. As the audience stood up it chanted in unison with Rabbi Dushowitz, the passage from the Psalms reading "Happy is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the wicked and who standeth not on the path of the sinners."

Conservatives Worse Than Reform

Rabbi Rosenberg, who presided at the unique ceremony, declared in addressing the assembly that the meeting was called "to express our sharpest protest against the unheard of act of atheism which has been committed by one of the conservative rabbis through the issuance

Weizmann in Fighting Speech Declares Jews Can't Wait Longer

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—"The spirit of the Palestine Jews is unconquerable and Palestine will never again be Arab, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, declared here in a militant speech, showing a new facet of his character.

"It may take time to make Palestine a Jewish country, but it will be done" Weizmann said.

"I believe that our present relations with the mandatory power are of passing character. Britain can be big only when it adheres to moral principles and the sanctity of promises. God forbid that England should abandon these principles and I don't think it will abandon them and we will soon see the blossoming of the Jewish state.

Palestine Jews Not Anti-British

The Zionist leader said it is wrong to say that the Jews of Palestine are anti-British. He pointed out that all his work has been based on British connections and on the assumption that justice will predominate in the relations between Britain and the Jews.

Weizmann revealed he is attempting at present to convince the British government that it no longer can keep the Jews of Palestine in suspense and that a final decision must be taken now. He declared that it is untrue that the creation of a Jewish commonwealth would depart from the purposes of the Balfour Declaration.

Jews, Dr. Weizmann continued, were willing to accept Churchill's White Paper of 1922, although it was a departure from the Balfour Declaration, since it spoke of the absorptive capacity of the country. Such absorptive capacity, he stressed, must be created, adding "I say give me the right to create absorptivity and the Jewish state will be ready within three to five years."

He pointed out that the Arabs already have realized their highest ambitions, while Jews with over 1,000,000 men in the Allied armies and with 30,000 volunteers from Palestine and with over 4,000,000 killed in Europe, are still waiting.

Can't Settle In a Cemetery

Asserting that the virus of Nazism had taken root even in countries like France and Holland, Weizmann said that, "Jews cannot settle in a cemetery. We cannot wait any longer. The blood of millions cries to Heaven. If justice still has some meaning this voice will be heard."

Dr. Weizmann pointed out that "while thirty-six new settlements have sprung up, one is amazed to find emptiness in many parts at the same time" he stated that at least one-third of the eleven million Dunams in the Negev could be colonized and made to support one million Jews.

RABBI FREEHOF SAYS CHAPLAINS LIBELED BY JEWISH PAPERS ON POST-WAR STATUS

ATLANTIC CITY—Declaring that certain Anglo-Jewish newspapers have libeled the Jewish chaplains, Dr. Solomon B. Freehof in his presidential message to the small-scale 56th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis here, said that these papers have given the false and erroneous impression that "there is great discontent and unrest among the Jewish chaplains concerning their post-war status. Their main thoughts," Dr. Freehof said, "are of the men they are serving, of the men who have died, of the sick in the hospital. They are not thinking of themselves but of the men whom they are serving."

(Editor's Note: The Jewish post has consistently contended that no pulpits should be filled while the chaplains were in the service).

The message advocated the placing of younger men in the chaplaincy to take the place of those

and spreading of the revised prayer book." The conservative rabbis, he continued, "are much worse than the reformed, for every religious-conscious Jew is aware that he must shy away from the latter. The conservatives, however, are clothing themselves in a mantle of so-called new 'Judaism,' thus contaminating the air in the spiritual life of the orthodox Jews in the country."

who have already served three or four years to allow the older men who first went into the service to return to their normal rabbinical work.

The message criticized the Synagogue Council, which is observing the twentieth anniversary of its founding. Dr. Freehof said the Council may be expanding in the wrong direction. The original purpose of the council was to secure cooperation and common action among the various groups in American Jewish life, he pointed out and it seems on the point of departing from its original purpose and is paralleling and overlapping its member organizations. It is appealing for independent funds from welfare organizations, he said and seems to be striving to become independent of the organizations of which it is composed.

Consideration to the establishment with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of a Jewish book concern for the publication and sale of Jewish books, was also urged, and he said American rabbinical schools should cooperate in the organization of a school for the training of executives for various types of professional public service in the Jewish field.

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Capt. Zacharias Sends Radio Propaganda Appeals to Japs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The voice of a Jacksonville Naval officer is a very familiar sound to the Japanese these days, as Capt. Ellis W. Zacharias, broadcasting from Washington, advises them to surrender, rather than to "continue a hopeless war." His broadcasts are part of a stepped-up propaganda campaign re-emphasizing the President's call on the Nips to surrender.

Capt. Zacharias formerly was commander of the Battleship New Mexico. He spent several years in Japan as a naval language officer.

His propaganda messages have special significance to the people of a country who know him well and recall his 10 peace-time years as a friend of the Japanese people. They remind his listeners of his close acquaintance with many Japanese dignitaries and his service as aide-de camp to Prince and Princess Takamatsu during their visit to the United States.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Capt. Zacharias is the brother of Percy W. Zacharias, general manager of Cohen Bros., largest department store in Jacksonville.

The Junior Post

For Boys and Girls

By RUTH PALLER

The Donkey, The Cock, And The Candle

THE student Akiba was traveling to the Yeshiva in a distant city. All day he had ridden the dusty roads on his donkey. He carried all of his possessions, a cock which crowed to let him know it was morning, a candle to study by, his books and a bit of bread.

When night came, Akiba came to a village. He walked to a house and knocked timidly on the door to ask for some supper, and a night's lodging. The lady of the house slammed the door in his face, and Akiba turned away, hungrier and thirstier than ever. He tried another house and still another but no one would let him in.

"Whatever God does, he does for the best," said Akiba to himself. "I shall sleep in the woods tonight."

WEARILY he mounted his donkey and rode to the woods. He found a little spring and made his supper of the bit of stale bread from his bag and the sparkling cold water. He tied the donkey to a tree and let the cock roost above him. Then he lit the candle, opened a book and began to study.

All at once, he heard his donkey braying in fright. But before he could reach the beast, a lion had killed him. Akiba sighed wondering how he would reach the school on foot, but he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Whatever the Lord does, he does for the best." He returned to his book.

Presently there was a shrill crowing above his head, and down fell the cock dead at his feet. His two companions were gone now, but after a moment's sadness, Akiba said, "I must not mourn over the cock for whatever the Lord does is for the best."

HE TRIED to read again, but just at that moment a sharp blast of wind blew out his candle. He lit it again, and once more the wind blew it out. So Akiba closed his book and lay down to sleep saying, "Whatever God does, he does for the best."

He was awakened the next morning by the frightened voices of travellers passing in the woods.

"What is the matter?" he asked.

"Matter enough!" cried one of the travellers. We are all the townspeople that are left from our whole village. Last night robbers came and killed all our neighbors."

"Where is your town?" asked Akiba.

"Just back there, at the edge of the woods—what there is left of it. The houses are burned, the people dead, nothing but ruin and desolation," sighed the man as he joined his comrades.

"So it was truly all for the best that I was not allowed to spend the night in any of these houses of the village," said Akiba to himself.

"It was all for the best that the donkey and the cock were killed and that the wind blew out my candle. Had the donkey brayed, or the cock crowed, or the candle gleamed in the darkness, the robbers would have found and killed me too, and I should never have become a rabbi."

"How clear it is that whatever God does, he does for the best." And Akiba went on to the school at Jabneh.

BAR MITZVAH QUIZ

1. What is the meaning of the term "Bar Mitzvah"?
2. Name three rights and privileges of a boy who becomes bar mitzvah?
3. Who reads the prophetic portion of the Law during the bar mitzvah service in the synagogue?
4. Why is a boy accepted into the Jewish Community at a bar mitzvah ceremony when he has already been accepted at his Brith Milah, 8 days after his birth?
5. How does confirmation differ from bar mitzvah?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. "Son of the Law."
2. He may be counted in a Minyan, a group of ten Jews which is the smallest number allowed to meet for public prayer and other ceremonies; he may be called up for the reading of the Torah; and he is to be held responsible for his own actions, for by thirteen he is expected to know the laws of his fathers and be sensible enough to realize when he is disobeying them.
3. The boy who is becoming bar mitzvah on that Sabbath.
4. At the Brith Milah, the boy's parents speak for him; it is only because of their devotion to Judaism that he is considered one of the family of Israel. But at 13 he knows by himself what it means to be a Jew and he speaks for himself.
5. Confirmation, which with some Jews takes the place of Bar Mitzvah and graduation from

TEEN TALK

By Adele Pearl and Delores Tronsky

WHY are there so few young people at services; why do they prefer to go out and do other things on Friday night?

Parents, rabbis, and educators have discussed this "problem" as much as it could be discussed. Now let's see what we, the young people, the people involved, think of it.

For years we have been told that we "have to go to the services on Friday night," that we are not good Jews if we do not. "Look, the Gentiles are all going to church on Sunday." We have had that forced down our throats, and as a natural result, very few of us do go.

IN SOME TEMPLES, confirmants are forced to attend for a period of one year or six months, in order to qualify for confirmation. While in some cases this is good, in the majority this is served as a jail sentence would be served, and thereafter avoided as conscientiously as if it really were a jail.

We have reasons for not wanting to attend services. Some of them wouldn't seem logical to adults, but we think they're pretty important.

THE MAIN OBJECTION is that there are very few people of our own age present, and when one of us gets up courage enough to go, we feel left out of it, and perhaps bored. Then, too, Friday night is considered date night, and dances and parties are given then. A third reason is that some clubs have no other opportunity to have meetings except on Friday night.

Now, if the temples could offer us a place to meet, a place to hold our club meetings, and to play ping-pong, and dance—offer this to us with no strings attached, assure us that we wouldn't get a sermon from the Rabbi, or some other well-meaning adult whenever we came, we would come to look on the temple as a center, knowing that we could have a good time whenever we wanted to by just running over there, and knowing that we would find our friends

Hebrew School, includes both boys and girls. The confirmants read a portion of the Torah or recite appropriate passages; some of them deliver original essays similar to the bar mitzvah oration. Confirmation is usually held at Shabbath, the festival of the giving of the Law to Israel since this day is considered most appropriate for young Jews and Jewesses to promise to follow the religion of their fathers.

and who go to the synagogue daily. Now a child or adolescent does not have these prejudices unless he learns them, and it is obvious who his teachers are. As long as adult Jews hold in scorn those who are not as completely assimilated as they, their children will do the same.

Very truly yours, MRS. R. P.

Brooklyn, New York

This seems to be a simpler problem for Jewish mothers to tackle than that of intolerance from outside, because the decision is up to us. If we want our children to be considerate and understanding of other people's beliefs and individuality we can be thoughtful ourselves and also bring to the attention of our children opportunities for understanding of situations which are different from those to which they are accustomed. Or am I making it sound too easy? Let us hear your opinions.

Jews Still Dying, Aid Needed Badly

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
GENEVA—Two thousand Jews are still confined in Camp Ebensee, near Gmunden, Oberdanau, in Austria, which was liberated by American troops, it was reported here. About 1,500 of them are Polish Jews, mainly from Silesia.

Most of the inmates are ill and many die daily, the report says. They need food, medical aid and other assistance. In the same region, the report also reveals, are other camps containing several thousand Polish, Hungarian and Czech Jews who are in an equally bad state. The American troops are aiding the survivors, but much more assistance is required.

Shapiro, of USS Franklin, On War Bond Tour

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—Electrician's Mate Second Class George F. Shapiro, of the now famous USS Franklin, has been chosen as one of ten men who will tour the country's war plants in a bond selling drive.

Shapiro was one of 200 men trapped in the ship's wardroom by the bursting shells who were rescued ten at a time through the "air uptakes."

Two years ago George Shapiro tried to enlist in the navy as an officer, but he was told he was too old for a combat commission. He had won five varsity letters at City college, and in the light of his athletic record, he was offered an athletic instructor's commission. But George, at forty-three, didn't feel old at all. He turned down the instructor's commission, and went into the navy as a "boot."

JWV Add 52 Posts; Claim Fastest Growth

Special
NEW YORK—The formation of fifty-two new posts of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States in the eight months since the last National Convention was announced by Archie H. Greenberg, National Commander. The J. W. V. head, pointing out that there has been a 70 per cent increase in membership during the period of his command, said that "the J. W. V. is the fastest growing Jewish organization in the country."

"We are particularly pleased," said Commander Greenberg, "with the way in which newly returned veterans of World War II are affiliating themselves with the J. W. V."

there. We would become interested in the other things the temple has to offer, classes, services.

We don't want to be treated exactly like children. We want to be able to do things by ourselves, things which we are capable of. If the temples would do less talking and more acting where youth is concerned, this "problem" would become less serious, and finally would no longer be a problem.

OUR CLUBS could meet at the temple, in a room or hall that is for young people only, not one which we are allowed to use only when there is no Bar Mitzvah, or when some adult club is not meeting. We would know that all the kids would be at temple on Friday night, and, if we wanted to we could go out after services, and more important, we would want to do these things.

2 Palestine Arab Parties Snub Arab League

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—Long concealed divergencies and rivalries among the various Palestine Arab parties were publicly revealed by Dr. Hussein Khalidi and Auni Bey Abdul Hadi in statements in the Arab press declaring that their parties, the Reform Party and Istiglal, respectively, have withdrawn their support from the "Umma Fund," the recently formed Arab counterpart of the Jewish National Fund, which was organized, originally, by Abdul Hadi's party. Their statements would seem to preclude any possibility of a united Palestine Arab representation, which has been the cherished hope of some foreign politicians.

At the same time, the two Arab leaders revealed that their groups are withdrawing from the "Umma Fund," the recently formed Arab counterpart of the Jewish National Fund, which was organized, originally, by Abdul Hadi's party. Their statements would seem to preclude any possibility of a united Palestine Arab representation, which has been the cherished hope of some foreign politicians.

Says League Threat to Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—That the Arab League is a grave threat to Jewish achievements in Palestine was told here by Gershon Agronsky, editor of the Palestine Post, at a luncheon tendered him by the United Palestine Appeal. The Arab states, Mr. Agronsky said, are united not for any positive objective, but for the destructive purpose of preventing further Jewish development and reconstruction.

The organized attempt on the part of the Arab states to drive all European influence out of the Middle East constitutes "a grave threat to everything that has been built up in the Jewish homeland by the sweat, the toil, the sacrifice and the indomitable idealism of the Jewish settlers," he declared.

Gordis To Make Survey Of Judaism In World

Special
NEW YORK—Rabbi Robert Gordis, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, has been invited by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary to visit Europe, Palestine, North Africa and South America to make a survey on the status of Judaism in the world. Rabbi Gordis plans to leave early in July.

He is a member of the faculty of the Seminary, and spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Rockaway Beach, Long Island.

To Teach GIs in Europe

Special
BOTON—Prof. Max Grossman, head of the Boston University department of journalism, leaves next week for Europe to teach journalism to servicemen at two universities to be established by the Army at Shriveham, outside of Oxford, England, and later at Fontainebleau, France, near Paris.

Only 4,000 non-Jews live in Tel Aviv.

War Bond Salesman Nears \$6,000,000 Goal

Special
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Adolph Fleischmann, 69-year old janitor of Yale's Sterling Memorial Library, whose duties keep him busy only at night, has reached a \$5,625,000 total of war bond sales during the past three years, including a recent purchase of \$100,000 by the University. Mr. Fleischmann's goal is a sale of \$6,000,000 by his seventieth birthday in January.

FROM THE MOTHERS OF OUR READERS

To the Junior Post,

Last week's letter from a mother had a most important sentence. She was objecting to the effect on young people of the overdrawn Jewish comedy characters on the radio, and she said, in essence, that it made young Jewish people who do not meet many foreign born Jews laugh at, and scorn, people with accents which they have been conditioned to think are funny. She said, "That is intolerance too," and how right she is.

We spend so much of our energies looking for instances of anti-Semitism among non-Jews that we are prone to overlook intolerance among ourselves. While we are fighting the one, we may as well be on guard against the other. Our young people look down on other Jews who haven't had an opportunity to learn perfect English, they look down on Jews who are less well to do than they; they look down on Jews who are strict in their religious observance—who do not work on the Sabbath

A NEW UNIVERSITY UNDER JEWISH AUSPICES? The Present Status of the Idea

By RABBI LOUIS L. NEWMAN

THE IDEA of a new University under chiefly Jewish auspices, but open to students of all faiths, with a faculty drawn from non-Jews, as well as Jews, and teaching the humanities and professional courses, was first promulgated actively in 1922, and became subject of a brochure by myself, entitled: "A Jewish University in America?" (94 pages, New York, 1923). Unfortunately, except for a few copies in libraries and privately owned, this brochure is not now available. There is an item on Volume II of my printed Sermons and Addresses, New York, 1941, still available at Bloch Publishing Company, 31 West 31st Street, New York City. This item: "An Unquenchable Idea," is brief, but still germane to the subject.

My own relationship to the proposal is that of a Rabbi interested in the welfare of the Jewish community. If I were not in the active Rabbinate, I might wish to carry forward the project in practical form, but my duties as Rabbi hold me closely to my chosen work. Nevertheless, a very considerable number of young people of the Jewish faith come to me for assistance in securing admission to privately endowed colleges. Moreover, during mid-war and post-war days, the problem of being admitted to these colleges is becoming increasingly acute.

College Entrance Difficulties increase

While it is true that the pressure is heaviest with respect to Eastern Colleges of established reputation, it is becoming difficult to secure entrance at certain other colleges of a semi-state character, particularly in the South. There will undeniably be a great expansion of college facilities when building enterprises are permitted again. Moreover, Jews are contributing in greater degree to colleges and universities because of the present fluidity of money. Hence the proposal of a new university under chiefly Jewish auspices is being widely discussed once more.

The idea of such a University under principally Jewish endowment, guidance and mentorship is truly an "unquenchable idea." The chief question involved in its establishment is whether the Jewish community has the will and the high cultural eminence to undertake such an enterprise. In the field of secular education, as well as hospitals and welfare institutions, Jews have already accomplished much. They are endowing and supporting Settlement Houses which do inter-racial and inter-faith work, particularly in neighborhoods of metropolitan centers where the population has changed from one predominantly of Jews, to

one of numerous ethnic strains.

In the hospitals of the large cities, Jewish institutions are serving, particularly in their clinics, patients of all racial and religious origins. At least one of the great Jewishly-supported hospitals in a metropolitan center is seeking to establish a system of scholarships and residencies at other institutions; moreover, tentative efforts are being made to extend the educational facilities which this institution can furnish, for the higher training of Jewish young men in medicine and surgery. The difficulties and obstacles encountered by the medical college in Massachusetts which has no quota against Jewish applicants indicate the problem which Jewish youth encounters in preparing themselves for service in this profession.

No Present Institution Suitable

No institution now in the field meets the definition of the new University as I envisage it. The Yeshivah at 187th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, is a college with an Orthodox religious background. It grants degrees according to a charter from the State of New York, and is rapidly developing into a Jewish University. But it has no campus and tends to become similar to an institution like existing city colleges of New York. The Jewish Theological Seminary wishes to become a "University for Judaism," but not a university giving degrees in secular and professional subjects. The new University suggested would be a campus college, with dormitory facilities, in a community about 30 or 40 miles out of New York City, to which students would come, not only from New York and the particular county in the midst of which it would be situated, but also from all parts of the country.

One of the most interesting precedents for a college of university under majority Jewish auspices is to be found in the group of private schools in and about New York City and other cities with a considerable Jewish population. One such school within the orbit of Greater New York has a school clientele of almost entirely Jewish character; there are a number of fine non-Jewish pupils, many of them drawn from Gentile academic families, some of them on a full or part-time scholarship. The Headmaster of this School which trains students from kindergarten through senior high school courses until their entrance into colleges, is a non-Jew; the principal of the Lower School is also a non-Jew. This

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Writer Accuses New York

J. E. C. of Incompetence

Criticizes Federation Move

SPECIAL NEW YORK—An announcement this week that the Jewish Education Committee of New York will hereafter be incorporated in the fund-raising campaigns of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of this city was passed over without much comment in the press, but there is an issue in this particular story which no intelligent and conscientious Jew can permit to skip.

For the enlightenment of Jewish Post readers, the Jewish Education Committee is the overall advisory group which is allegedly responsible for the improvement and expansion of Jewish education in this city. There are approximately 200,000 Jewish youngsters in this city who are eligible to attend some kind of Jewish school, whether it be a five-day Talmud Torah (orthodox), a Sunday school (reform), Workmen's Circle and Farband schools (labor), or Yeshivas.

The fact is that only 65,000 children do attend these schools. However shocking may be this fact, that only one-fourth of all the Jewish boys and girls are getting some kind of Jewish training, let's not go into that now.

THE J. E. C. has been accused of a lot of incompetence, inefficiency and downright neglect by many people and from many quarters.

The Committee was organized some six years ago when it was left an endowment of \$5,000,000. Great things were expected from the Committee at that time. There was talk of model schools, enrollment drives, lifting of educational standards, etc. But the fact is that very little has been done. One might look around and say, "What besides their attractive office can the J. E. C. point to?"

There has been no increased enrollment, no lifting of standards, no improvement of curriculum, no extensive support of the poorer institutions, and a lot of money has been spent on a great many fancy-worded projects whose total effect has been very negligible.

On the other hand, whether or not one agrees with their ideology, all due credit must be given to the various ultra-orthodox groups who have gone out with an admirable display of zealotry and who have brought the so-called "Jewish word" into many an empty home. There are now in many parts of this city small but numerous—perhaps as many as forty—schools were previously there were none. Enrollment and study hours have increased and activity is going along strongly for the improvement of Jewish learning among the youth.

BUT THE J. E. C., we repeat, cannot point to any similar success. Oh, yes, they can point to their superbly-illustrated magazine and say it reaches 25,000 children. But they cannot say in all honesty to what extent the magazine is being used in the classroom or will the J. E. C. admit that teachers and principals are constantly complaining that it lacks spirit or depth or what have you—it's just a very shallow four-color job.

Now that the J. E. C. will receive its funds from the Federation we can expect even worse results because the gentlemen who run the Federation are general minimalists in their education viewpoints. That is to say, they'd like to see Jewish youngsters sitting in extremely attractive classrooms hearing a Bible story once a week as recited by a pleasant teen-age girl rather than have these children learn in a five-day school the great heritage that is theirs.

Jewish Education in New York and throughout the country was always "down in the dumps." This new development spells no good for the future.

Says Beware of Exaggeration of Extent of Anti-Semitism in United States



GOLDMAN

Special

CHICAGO—Fundamental differences of the German and the American character are assurance that the plight of Europe's persecuted Jewry cannot be repeated in America, Rabbi Solomon Goldman said this week.

"Love of freedom is America's constant bulwark against tyranny, Goldman said at the annual meeting of the Chicago Jewish Welfare fund.

Dr. Goldman told the group that they should beware of exaggeration of the extent of anti-Semitism in the United States.

"We Americans are different from the Germans," he said. "We are not a flock of goats and are constitutionally incapable of following a Fuehrer."

Charges Iraq Forced Jew To Sign Paper

Jewish Telegraphic Agency LONDON—The charge that the Iraq government summoned leaders of the Bagdad Jewish Community and forced them to sign a statement declaring that they were satisfied with the Jewish position in Iraq and are opposed to the Zionist movement, as harmful to the Jews in the Middle-Eastern countries, was voiced here by Berl Locker, Zionist leader, addressing the national conferences of the Zionist Laborites.

This was done prior to the departure of Abdul Ilah, Regent of Iraq, for the United States, where he was received by President Truman. Mr. Locker emphasized. He added that not only must the Jews of Europe be rescued, but also the Jewish communities in Arab lands.

The conference adopted a resolution urging the British Government, together with other powers, to announce the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State.

Father, Daughter Die

SPECIAL BOSTON—Mrs. Arthur A. Sondheim, 30, of Brookline, one of the younger set prominent in Boston Jewish philanthropic activities, died in New York Thursday. Her husband is a well known Boston attorney.

She was the daughter of the late Carl J. Kaffenburgh, a past president of Temple Israel, who died last week.

Every Friday Editor To go to Europe

SPECIAL CINCINNATI—Samuel M. Schmidt, editor of Every Friday, and a director of the American Association of English Jewish Newspapers, will go to Europe on a special mission for the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. The tour will be in connection with the work of the Emergency Religious Relief and the Vaad Hatzalah.

Herlands Heads Palestine Drive

SPECIAL NEW YORK — Commissioner William B. Herlands has accepted the over-all chairmanship of the New York 1945 campaign of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions.

Married in Hospital

SPECIAL RICHMOND, Va.—Because the bride's mother was a patient at Medical College Hospital here, Sgt. Norris Shore, of Philadelphia, and Miss Jeanette Adelman, of this city, were married in the institution's sun parlor last week. Sgt. Shore had a 21-day leave. Rabbi Ephraim Shimoff officiated at the full dress ceremony, with doctors, nurses, and patients taking part.

Gus Seligman

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Gus Seligman, 58, a resident of this city for the past 40 years and owner of a chain of theatres, passed away after a long illness.

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School has a budget of over \$600,000, assembled almost entirely from tuition income. It has a small campus of great beauty within subway distance of the city; the pupils who attend make the trip daily by subway or school bus.

Jews Attend Private Schools

There are other primary, grammar and preparatory schools under private mentorship in and near New York City. With the present improved financial situation of American Jews, the number of applications for admission to these schools has become larger than ever before. I have in my files the data regarding these schools in and near New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago and elsewhere, which have a large Jewish following, though their leadership is non-Jewish. Needless to say, the difficulties of securing entrance into desired colleges for graduates of these schools increase from year to year, and will become even more acute when facilities of colleges are taxed at the close of the war. In 1919 there was a rush to the colleges; in the year following the end of the Second World War we may expect a similar pressure.

A few years ago I discussed with some of the leaders of these preparatory schools—which follow, in many instances, the best patterns of progressive education—the idea of extending the work of at least one of these schools into the junior college grades. They were sympathetic to a further investigation of the matter. When at a typical meeting of a group of parents of students soon to enter college, the idea was broached, it was found that the parents wished to have their children scatter after graduation; they preferred to secure admission to privately endowed colleges—the best-known, of course, if possible. In addition the war situation militated against further consideration of the idea.

Parents Realize Difficulties

Though the parents of students now near New York would like to have their youngsters enter Yale, Harvard, Princeton, etc., etc., they are in a more cooperative mood when they realize the difficulties of achieving this hope for the boys; or the hope of being admitted to the leading Eastern colleges for young women. A few graduates of the preparatory schools in this region might enroll in such a campus college if its facilities and reputation were commendable. Without doubt the preparatory schools in the counties near New York, one of which has over 5,000 High School graduates a year, including a percentage of graduates of the Jewish faith, might wish to experiment with the idea of Junior College courses. Involved in this situation is the fact that day students from the high schools of these counties might wish to apply for admission to such a college, or to a junior college associated with one of the preparatory schools.

To be sure, the standards of the privately endowed preparatory schools are high, and graduates of public day high schools may not qualify for admission to any Junior Colleges which might be established, except in particular instances. This matter, however, could be better understood after further investigation, and, I am confident, adequately worked out.

These preparatory schools in the New York area and elsewhere are privately endowed and managed, with their own individual boards of governors or trustees. They are not enterprises of the Jewish community or groups within it, as such. They have an almost entirely Jewish clientele, however, but they are secular schools without any features of the parochial school (such as classes in any particular religion; ceremonials of any particular faith, etc.) They prepare students for the best privately endowed and state colleges and universities of America. Their support comes through tuition; from gifts, from foundations (in small part), and from endowments (which are not large). The income from tuition is derived chiefly from Jewish families, as we have said. The Headmasters are usually non-Jews, and so, too, are many of the faculty members.

Some Schools Meet Need

Since 1922, when I first advanced the program of a campus suburban university, chiefly under Jewish auspices, a number of institutions have arisen in the metropolitan area which have, in part, met the situation which I then described—namely, the concentration of nearly 3,000,000 Jews—the figure is now closer to 4,000,000—on the Atlantic seaboard, and the desire of a high percentage of Jewish young people for the best type of college and university training.

Among these institutions are the following: Sarah Lawrence College has been established in Bronxville New York, under non-Jewish endowment and jurisdiction; it is a college for girls; it has a small Jewish quota. Its campus is small. Its tuition is high. It furnishes an example of a small college of recent origin achieving success within its limited objectives. Bennington College in Vermont furnishes an instance of a college appearing within the past two decades, and meeting with remarkable success. It deserves careful study from the standpoint of the manner in which it was inaugurated; the buildings it has erected; the budget it requires; the equipment, faculty, etc., that it has established. It would be an interesting indication of a similar procedure for a new college under chiefly Jewish endowment).

At Hempstead, Long Island, Hofstra College was founded about a decade ago; before the war it had 1500 students, and the number, despite war conditions, is increasing. Long Island is now a large center of population, and the number of Jewish students is large. This college—of the founding, management and finances I made a study in 1938—is a most interesting example of what a college under chiefly Jewish auspices might be and become. It must be said, however, that we would wish and might be able to create a university representing even higher standards. Hofstra is an excellent indication of what can be done, if a grant of land is given by a generous donor in a satisfactory central location; if the initial outlay is made by a few donors for essential new buildings—such as a lecture hall, a laboratory, library, recreation hall, etc. The balance of the money required can, for the most part, come from tuition.

Most Funds To Come From Tuition

If general educational endowments or foundations can be persuaded to help in certain specific projects—research enterprises, aid to certain professorial chairs, etc.—the financial burden can be lightened to this degree. It is estimated that at least 60% up to 80% of the total income required can be secured from tuition. In fact some institutions, of which I made a study in the year 1938, began their career on a shoestring, with no endowment whatsoever, depending entirely upon tuition income, and a few gifts and grants. Since 1938 Hofstra has had a satisfactory development, and recently elected a new President, formerly associated with Cornell. The present financial status of Hofstra, and the degree of its expansion, can be studied with benefit.

Bard College, at Annandale, New York, which I visited in 1938, represents another interesting experiment. It is now, after considerable difficulty, a well-established institution, due to the fact that it admits students from the metropolitan area, among them talented young women of the Jewish faith who have been unable to gain admittance elsewhere. Bard College was formerly St. Stephen's College, under Episcopalian endowment. It is a few hours ride upstate from New York City, near Poughkeepsie. At one time it was taken under the wing of Columbia University, but this association did not provide Bard with sufficient material assistance. Bard was threatened with dissolution; its faculty was dispersed, and it passed through periods of the most severe financial stress.

With the coming of the Second World War, and the rush of women to the colleges, due to the increased affluence of the American middle class population, the situation substantially changed. Moreover, the policy of accepting Jewish applicants in increasing number has proved profitable. These applicants have been denied entrance, chiefly for reason of overcrowding, after graduation from New York City's preparatory schools, at Pembroke, Wheaton, Wellesley, Vassar, Connecticut College for Women (which has had a remarkable growth at New London, since 1918, almost entirely on a tuition basis), Radcliffe, Barnard, and elsewhere.

Prefer Eastern Colleges

These young women have been unwilling to go to the large mid-western colleges on a state basis, or to the South (where the pressure of Jewish applicants is increasingly large). Bard has been recommended by the preparatory school leaders, and hence has gained prestige in Jewish circles. According to the latest information, Bard is flourishing. I have not endeavored to secure an account of its situation, but I know it to be favorable; moreover, the college seems to be destined for

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Anti-Semitic Postcards Bring Probe of Charles J. Anderson

Special

CHICAGO—Investigation of the anti-Semitic activities and publications of Charles J. Anderson, Jr., Chicago west side rabble-rouser who won the Republican nomination for Sixth district congressman last year will be handled by a legislative commission to be established soon by the Illinois General Assembly.

Sen. Richard J. Daley, Chicago Democrat, made the announcement and at the same time disclosed that anti-Semitic cards bearing Anderson's name were distributed in mail boxes on the south side.

The card, which attacked the Mayor Kelly-Gov. Green slum clearance program as a proposal "to provide room for negro barracks," was signed:

"Compliments of Chas. J. Anderson, Jr., Republican candidate for Congress, 6th Cong. dist. of Illinois. I hate to see Americans swindled."

George M. Fisher, Republican county chairman, when informed of the card, declared that Anderson "is not a candidate of our organization and was repudiated by the party before last fall's election."

"His statements are almost too violent for us to discuss," Fisher said. "I think it is a matter for the law enforcement agencies of the county to investigate."

Anderson was overwhelmingly defeated in the general election by Rep. Thomas J. O'Brien, Democrat, after the Republicans had disavowed Anderson and placed a third candidate in the field.

The latest tract bearing Anderson's name said that "the Jews want more Negroes for a Jewish army to conquer the white Gentiles."

Concerning the slum clearance program, the card said, "only Communistic Jews and Negroes and their deluded pals support such infamous plots."

I Think as I Please

By MRS. CARL ALPERT

Unity—It's Wonderful

NEWS that the United Jewish Appeal had been reconstituted was received by the Board of Directors with glee and rejoicing.

"Those people in New York have come to their senses at last," said the Welfare Fund treasurer. "Our complaints and protests had value, apparently, even if we are 2,000 miles from New York."

But it was the chairman of the local Welfare Fund who best expressed the sentiments of all:

"The unity of our community has been saved," he declared, puffing on his big, black cigar. "We have been saved from a great catastrophe—the turing of brother against brother, in a senseless conflict of ideals."

"If the Zionists here had insisted, on a public poll to determine how the funds should be allocated—as some had threatened—some of our largest contributors would have withdrawn from the campaign entirely. The decision in New York now averts that calamity. In fact, our largest giver, assured that the J. D. C. will receive the larger share of the funds, has promised to increase his gift this year."

"Equally important is the fact that the burden of decision has been lifted from our shoulders. Imagine the trouble we would have had trying to determine the relative importance of the work of the U. P. A. and the J. D. C. We would have had to study the literature of both organizations; we would have had to familiarize ourselves with problems in Europe and Palestine, with questions of administration, with international political elements; we would have had to raise questions relative to the Jewish future—oh, it would have meant a terrible burden. We have enough trouble just raising the money, but to decide how the funds should be spent as well—that would have been just too much for us. Fortunately, a committee in New York has solved the problem for us."

"But who is on that committee?" a young man asked, "and why should we not decide how our own money is to be spent?"

A frown put the rebel in his place, and the chairman continued.

"We shouldn't bother our heads about things like that. And those who talk about 'ideals' and 'principles' just don't know anything about the every-day realities of Jewish life. The fact remains that we have 'unity,' and that is the most important thing. Whether the Jews of Europe want to stay there or go to Palestine is unimportant—we have unity. Charity begins at home, and even in our efforts to save Jewish lives we must keep our own house in order. We have peace in our midst, we shall have a united campaign, there will be no polemics in the press, no clash of principles."

"Unity—ah, what a wonderful thing unity is."

RUSSIA WON'T ALLOW GERMAN JEWS TO EMIGRATE; READY TO REPATRIATE THEM

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — Russian military authorities are preparing to repatriate all German Jews liberated from concentration camps in the parts of Europe now under the administration of the Red Army, the Berlin radio reported this week. No emigration permits will be given the Jews, the broadcast said.

It revealed that 1,200 Jews who formerly resided in Berlin are among the 5,000 Jewish survivors still in Theresienstadt. The names of these people are available at a special repatriation

office functioning in the building of the former hospital of the Berlin Jewish community on Iran Street, the broadcast announced, asking relatives and friends to report to this office whether they can offer homes to the survivors when they are repatriated.

"It is our duty to enable these victims of Fascism to return to their homes quickly. All families who are ready to help them, are asked to report immediately that they are prepared to receive them in their homes," the broadcast said.

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Flying Brothers Met in German Camp

Arriving from Europe aboard the U. S. S. Washington in New York City, these two Yanks bring an end to their dull internment which they spent together in Germany after having been shot down over that country, but at different times. They are the Rosner brothers, Maj. Maurice, left, and Lt. Neil. Both brothers were liberated from the same prison camp. (International)

Bulgarian Youth Group Would End Zionist Work

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
SOFIA—Representatives of the Jewish youth section of the Bulgarian Fatherland Front have suggested that the Hechalutz movement "temporarily abandon" the Zionist program. This was revealed at the end of a three-day conference here of the Hechalutz Organization attended by 80 delegates and many guests.

History of Jewish University Idea Since 1922 Told By One Of Prime Movers

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expansion after the war. Bard has a modest row of buildings and a small campus with room, however, to grow. From my viewpoint, however, Bard College is too far away from New York City to afford the practical opportunities I have envisaged for a new college, chiefly under Jewish endowment. Private individuals, recruited from leaders in education, finance, professions and communal affairs, make up the Boards of Trustees of such small colleges.

Adelphi College on Long Island, within commuting distance of Brooklyn and New York City, has an increasing student body, but is not co-educational. It has passed through a difficult period of financial readjustment, but today it has a large enrollment of girl students, and apparently is able to meet its financial problems. It has a large campus and considerable room for expansion. It is under general endowment, not under that of any particular denomination or community. It will be interesting to watch the course of Adelphi's growth in the next few years.

The growth of borough colleges in recent years has presented many important elements requiring study and interpretation.

Brooklyn College has had a phenomenal growth since its establishment within the past twenty years, and now has a handsome borough campus. The registration of students of Jewish origin is very large. Queens College at Flushing, Long Island, is housed on the grounds that in the buildings of a former philanthropic institution, a Reformatory of a sectarian group. Queens College has large and excellent buildings, is close to a thriving community, like Hofstra, is at the crossroads, so that students may come to it from many directions, by subway, bus, train, or by auto (when available).

The President of Queens College, Dr. Paul Klapper, is a Jew, and is a member of the Flushing Free Synagogue. Brooklyn College with the help of the Board of Higher Education of Greater New York, is making steady progress; Queens College has about 40% Jewish students; Brooklyn College, about 60% or more. Students commute from other boroughs of New York to attend Brooklyn College, if

Name is Jew's Town, But No Jews There

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JUDENBURG, Austria—Not a single Jew can be found in this town whose name means "Jews' Town," and whose coat of arms bears the picture of a bearded Jew.

Hundreds of Italian, Czech, Yugoslav, Hungarian and other refugees are in Judenburg, but there is not one Jew among them. The last of the Jews in this town were ousted by the Nazis in 1938.

A flourishing Jewish community existed here from the 13th to the end of the 15th century, when all Jews were deported from the province of Styria, in which Judenburg is located. Jews began to return to Judenburg in the 19th century, forming a small Jewish community which remained until the Nazis deported all Jewish inhabitants.

Warrant Issued For Horney's Arrest

Special
SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Lt. Gov. Hugh Cross, acting president of the Illinois state senate, this week signed a warrant for the arrest of Ainslee E. Horney, admitted author of a violent anti-Semitic pamphlet distributed to members of the Illinois General Assembly.

The warrant was requested by a special Senate investigating committee headed by Sen. Richard J. Daley, Chicago Democrat, after Horney had refused to produce the records of his "Hoosier Press."

A kosher kitchen will be maintained and dietary laws strictly observed at the non-sectarian Gen. Rose Hospital to be built in Denver, Colo.

they are granted admittance; the same is true of Queens College.

Hunter College in New York City is under the aegis of the Board of Higher Education of New York City. Its beautiful new building at 68th Street and Park Avenue houses a fine city institution. It is difficult, however, for applicants to gain admission if their academic record is not in the higher brackets. The facilities for the Bronx headquarters of Hunter College are now being used by the country's armed forces.

Institutions Insufficient

I cite these institutions (City College of New York, included) to indicate the size and scope of the problem of providing adequate facilities for college students in the area of Greater New York. No matter how many institutions are created in this region, they still prove insufficient to accommodate those students who wish to gain admission. Many of our young people, as I have said, have distributed themselves throughout the country: in North Carolina (Chapel Hill), the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, Ohio State, etc.

Some have found their way to Carlton College, Minnesota. The headmasters of preparatory schools are fearfully harassed by the difficulty of securing admission for graduates of the Jewish faith; every spring there is a tremendous scramble for places. Students who do not make a particular college their first choice find themselves, on being denied admittance elsewhere, in a most embarrassing position. Of course, parents whose children eventually make an adjustment, cease to be interested in the general problem of finding facilities for others.

With the assured increase of student registration following the end of the war, the need for additional college facilities will be even greater. Not even the helpfulness, financially speaking, of the state and national government, will enable existing colleges to furnish the required opportunities. And the question of the Jewish quota will remain as acute as ever.

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No Differences, Leaders Told By Committee Heads

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The inside story of Jewish activities at the United Nations Conference at San Francisco was told this week by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer and Jacob Blaustein, president and chairman of the executive committee, respectively, of the American Jewish Committee, addressing a large audience of Jewish community leaders at Hunter College here.

Mr. Blaustein said that there was no difference on major questions among the various Jewish groups which had official representatives at San Francisco. He revealed that the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Conference worked together on various problems affecting their co-religionists all over the world.

Kept Watch on Enemies of Palestine

Declaring that the problem of trusteeship caused great discussion in San Francisco and many conflicting views were expressed, Mr. Blaustein said: "We had to watch out that the trusteeship system that came out of San Francisco should not be constructed in such a way as to impair the rights of the Jewish community in Palestine or the rights of the Jews to immigrate to Palestine. We have secured the assurances of the American delegation that nothing will be done in San Francisco which will in the slightest degree endanger the existing rights of Jews with regard to Palestine."

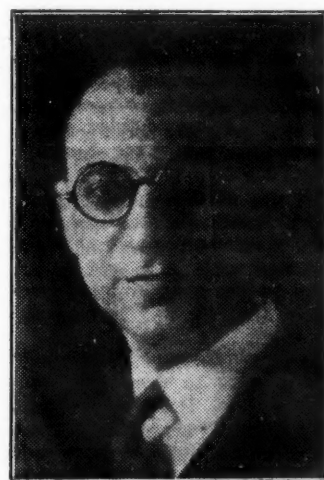
Establishment of the Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Blaustein pointed out, is a great achievement. "It gives us as well as other oppressed peoples of the world a forum to which we can appeal in case of violations of our fundamental freedoms. For the first time in history, the question of human rights and the treatment of individuals was officially recognized as being of vital international concern."

Praise Secretary of State Stettinius

The two leaders of the American Jewish Committee, who served as consultants to the U. S. delegation at San Francisco, praised Secretary of State Stettinius for the support he gave to the proposal for a Commission on Human Rights. They also lauded the consultants of all civic and labor groups for their active interest in securing adoption of this proposal which makes infractions of basic human rights a matter of international concern.

"However much we believe that Palestine, to the extent of its capacities, furnishes a haven for those who are persecuted, we nonetheless maintain the right of the Jew to abide in peace and in honor in his own land if he so wills," Judge Proskauer said. "We shall subscribe to no theory of enforced exodus or enforced international ghetto. The doors of Palestine should reasonably be open to those who wish to go there. But the human rights proposal inserted in the Charter are a bulwark for our stricken brethren of Europe against internal persecution that will force them to live lives they do not wish to live."

Makes Report



J. BLAUSTEIN

Nationalists Solicit Funds in Cleveland

Special
CLEVELAND, O.—Joseph E. McWilliams, anti-Semitic agitator, is reported to be in this city soliciting funds for the American Nationalists from local industrialists.

McWilliams has been in Room 475, Hotel Statler, and is registered as "J. Williams, Perryton, Tex."

According to the Cleveland Press, McWilliams is collaborating with J. Victor Malone of New York and Washington, representative of the American Nationalists headed by former Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina.

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British Hold Greek Jews, EAM Charges

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—Many Greek Jews are still being held in British concentration camps in Africa because they were members of ELAS partisan units or were supporters of the EAM, parent body of the ELAS, it was charged this week by the Greek-American Council. It also asserted that Jews are confined in Greek jails for the same reason.

Pro-fascist and monarchist groups are being allowed to spread anti-Jewish propaganda and engage in anti-Semitic agitation, the council said. The newspaper "Ellinkos Berras," organ of Christos Levantis, a member of the former Plastiras government, has published anti-Semitic articles and "systematically cultivates hatred of Jews and democracy," the council stated. It also discloses that the Ministry of Education and Ecclesiastical Affairs appointed a representative to the Jewish community, as was done under the Metaxas dictatorship, but mass protests by Jews resulted in rescindment of the appointment.

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How Fascism Is Driven From New York's Schools

By PAUL GOULD

(Continued From Last Week)

BUT collecting facts were not enough. Changing social patterns had to follow. At the Newtown High School annex, children had selected as their topic "How Can We Prevent Race Riots?" A girl with the face of a Botticelli angel, rose to say quietly, positively, "It's quite simple, really. We white people are a superior race. Negroes are inferior. We should keep them in their place where they can't cause trouble."

A dozen hands were raised. The teacher called on them in turn—hoping for disagreement. But they all wanted to second the first speaker—only more so, in less reserved fashion.

It required considerable effort and discussion to change their attitude. The teacher went to lengths to invite outside speakers, among them the movie actress Jean Muir, and they discussed anthropology with them. In another school—P. S. 3 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn—a not other celebrated actor, Paul Robeson, came down to smooth a few wrinkles. This time it was at an all-Negro school and the population of this institution needed guidance no less than the more privileged youngsters from Queens, though mostly on the score of juvenile delinquency. Seymour Rothschild is principal of this school.

Perhaps the most ambitious project attempted in the city was planted in the heart of a section once infested with Joe McWilliams and his Nazis. The quarter was predominantly Christian Front, but the educators fortunately had a man to lead the fight. He was Joseph C. Noethen, then principal of Junior High 37 and now a district superintendent.

It was Noethen's conviction that only an integration of school and community life could short-circuit bigotry. For him the community was an extension of what went on in the school and to separate them was folly. Accordingly he pioneered a bold move—establishing a program for the school and community both starting at 8 in the morning and ending at midnight.

Program Reaches Community

Directing the activities was a former teacher, a sociologist who had specialized in handling juvenile delinquency. Dionisio Parrino became executive director of the South Bronx Community Center of Junior High School 37. The South Bronx Citizens Association, with 600 dues-paying members, agreed to subscribe \$2,500 a year and together with funds contributed by the Board of Education, the only all-day school project in the city was launched. It developed so rapidly that it spilled over into two other schools in the district.

The Catholic Church, the Gaelic League, other civic-minded bodies responded with teachers and donations. Children added their nickels for "Jitterbug Night" and the parents paid a quarter a year for dues. A perceptible change came over the neighborhood after the ambitious program of classes, lectures, social events and workshops took hold. The police blotter at the 40th Precinct showed a marked drop in street disturbances; radio cars reported fewer youngsters congregating on street corners. As many as 2,000 men and women flocked to the school in an evening for recreation and discussions.

During the 3-6 p. m. period reserved for the children, Parrino was called upon to handle a ticklish situation early in the life of the project. A ping-pong tournament had been arranged and among the entries was a

Negro boy. Several white youths refused to play him. The director of the competition thereupon explained that any opponents of the colored boy who would not play him would forfeit their matches. The youths grudgingly agreed to compete and in the course of the tournament the Negro was eliminated. Later the others shamefacedly admitted how wrong they had been, and the Negro was given a coveted job at night in the Center.

"Steamboat" Eliminated

Another success story was written at Junior High 120, in Manhattan. The Youthbuilders—an organization of school children with 157 chapters devoted to the study of social problems—decided that a Negro character, known as "Steamboat" in a comic book, issued by Fawcett Publications, was an insult to the colored people. The club members had been discussing discrimination and what could be done about it. Since they were comic-book fans they decided to visit William Lieberman, the publisher. A committee called upon the executive.

"They were born diplomats," the publisher said later. "After announcing they liked the hero, they went on to explain that Steamboat was a Negro stereotype tending to magnify race prejudice. When I countered by saying white characters were distorted for the sake of humor, they had a snappy comeback—white characters were both hero and villain. Steamboat, a buffoon, was the only Negro in the strip. One boy drew an enlarged portrait of Steamboat and added, 'This is not the Negro race, but your one-and-a-half million readers will think it is.' That clinched it."

Not only did the publisher ban the character, but he also attended a subsequent assembly at the school and took part in a forum on the same problem, admitting that he had learned a lesson.

The Negro Ghetto had prodded other leaders to deep thought. At P. S. 194, Principal Daniel Krane saw that his totally Negro population was isolated from the rest of the city. Accordingly he arranged with a sister school, P. S. 33—all white—for inter-visitation programs. Children from 194 staged plays on the platform at 33 and vice-versa. It was so successful an experiment that the Glee Clubs of both schools jointly took part in a recital at Town Hall during the course of a festival sponsored by the Citywide Citizens Committee on Harlem.

Other devices, outlined in the program for Better Human Relations, were employed to weld the school to the community. P. S. 10, with the aid of the New York Fund, opened an after-school center and working parents were invited to bring their children there for care between the hours of 3 and 6, thereby preventing juvenile delinquency. The parents themselves had their own night center from 7 to 10 p. m. On the Lower East Side the Hebrew Club of Seward Park High School invited the Negro Club to sit in on its meetings. Films, debates, excursions to the museums and libraries, radio programs and assemblies, rallies and pageants, close relations with fraternal, religious and la-

AL SEGAL Speaks on JEWISH NAME

IN MY home-town, which is Cincinnati, there has long stood the firm of Seinsheimer. It deals in paper. It is 85 years since Abraham Seinsheimer founded it.

The name Seinsheimer came to be a part of the business tradition of our town. It is one of the local business names that stand respected in the large area where Seinsheimer salesmen travel.

It has to do with probity and fair-dealing. Now this isn't being written as an advertising plug for the Seinsheimer people who

don't need it, anyway, considering their decent reputation. There's more to the story and my theme concerns the fact that a Jewish name on a business, even in evil, hateful times like these, can be an asset which it is deemed desirable preciously to save.

The time came in the affairs of the Seinsheimer Paper Co. when the company expanded into manufacturing. (The Clorox Corporation.) The Seinsheimer Co. had been in the business of distributing paper. Now the paper distribution part was separated from the manufacturing. The Seinsheimer Paper Co., wholesale distributor, was taken over by a group of the older employees. They were non-Jews.

This was in 1939. It was the time when the wicked ideology of Hitler had started getting around in the world. Decent business men of Jewish names had come to the tragic pass where honorable names were no longer held in esteem as hall-marks of commercial probity. Hitler-infected people were saying, with disparagement, "This is a Jewish name, this is a Jewish house."

It had come to pass that even in the United States it was as in Berlin where Nazi hoodlums were writing "Jude" on the windows of Jewish places. Only here the hoodlum wasn't writing on the windows; it expressed itself by hostility to the Jewish name on the sign and to the Jewish business which was indicated.

Even in our town this was so. In our town Jewish names had long been held in honor. For many years Jewish names had been distinguished in the public affairs: In philanthropy, in education, in cultural enterprise.

Jewish names had been prominent on the political tickets and few of the citizens had thought of them as Jewish names. They were respected on account of the exemplary characters of their owners; in accordance with the American tradition and practice.

There had been a mayor who was Jewish, a president of the Board of Education who was Jewish, a county commissioner who was Jewish, a county treasurer who was Jewish—all at one time. Their names were esteemed by reason of their characters and rare was the politician or the voter who thought of making anything of the fact that these were Jewish names.

By 1939 the evil thinking of Hitler had taken hold of many minds and to have even a most honorable Jewish name on a business window became something to worry about.

bor groups became a standard operational procedure.

Even Texts Intolerant

If the school children's eyes were being opened for the first time, so were many teachers'. Often the instructors discovered that the textbooks were breeding intolerance. One book attributed the backwardness and poverty of Balkan peasantry to "laziness." Another condemned the people of Honduras as being "not very industrious." This same one declared, too, that "Costa Ricans are very proud of their ancestry from high-type Spanish settlers."

Mathematics and music teachers, physical training instructors and others were coached in how to introduce intercultural data in subjects that at first sight did not lend themselves to indoctrination. The teachers quickly found the formula. Monetary values and the metric system, and their relation to trade and the growth of civilization, became human, interesting material in the hands of those who attended courses offered by the Board of Education and groups like the progressive West Side Council of Religious and Civic Organizations. Hundreds attended the lectures, and

physical training teachers quickly came to see that by bringing in newspaper clippings about Hank Greenberg and Joe DiMaggio and Joe Louis mutual respect could be fostered. Music instructors began to realize that songs like "Oh, Susannah," represented the Negroes as being silly and irresponsible, and that the lyric of "That's Why Darkies Were Born" degraded him as a laborer.

In the history class the teacher said, "Consider these names: Kelly, Martinez, Bloanchi, Sadowsky, Lopez, Fournier, Bjorkland—foreigners, aren't they? Yes, but all are Americans and all won the nation's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for extraordinary heroism on the field of battle."

Battle Not Over

Gratifying as these results have been in many schools, there is still a long row to hoe, in the opinion of supervisors. "We must go slow," emphasized Miss Mary Riley, administrative assistant in the Division of Personnel, who has assumed a major role in the intercultural activities. "Probably half of the principals in the city have not

One noticed it: The shop windows of Jewish business people began to carry trade names that didn't suggest Jewish ownership.

(I recall the time when Jewish names were on many business windows in our town and were esteemed as honorable trade-marks.)

Well, to get back to the Seinsheimer Co.: The non-Jewish employees had taken the business over and, even in such a time, they took the good old name along with it. What it did have a Jewish sound? It stood for honorable dealing. It was a mark of distinguished character, of long years of honest business. It had been held in honor more than a lifetime. It was an asset as valuable as the best cuttimers on the books.

The new non-Jewish management kept on as the Seinsheimer Paper Co. It was a proud banner to carry. It dated from good old Abe Seinsheimer and what guttersnipe prejudice could drag the name of Abe Seinsheimer down? The old employees cherished it. In their own experience it had had to do with decent employee-management relations.

The Seinsheimer Paper Co. goes on, under non-Jewish management, prospering and as respected as of old. As a great and good name it remains respected for the character it represents.

I don't know what moral can be made of this, except to say that it suggests something decent and hopeful in the undercurrent of American life.

The fact that business people have felt it necessary to conceal their Jewish identity is in no wise a reflection on Jews; it reflects rather on the dreadful state of these times in which some Americans have been forced to hide away from other Americans. It reflects on all the minds that threw themselves open to invasion by Hitler and accepted his anti-Semitism as an occupying and ruling force.

The Seinsheimer case suggests that a Jewish name can go on being courageous even in the presence of Hitler who is still quite alive in many a U. S. mind, even though his corpse may be buried in some rubble heap of Berlin. It can stand bravely on its honor, and to hell with evil minds that harbor Hitler.

Perhaps it is about time for us to take courage again and to stand forth as Americans who regard with deepest contempt those who have subverted the American tradition by vilest racial and religious prejudice.

Who are they to be afraid of? Who are they to deserve the respect that fear of them implies? They are the depraved in whose minds is Hitler's last refuge. They shelter him and their minds stink with the smell of Hitler's million corpses—the dead of the murder camps, of Buchenwald, Dachau and all the others. Hitler's ghost will forever carry the odor of his dead; the odor festers in every mind he haunts.

Yes, it seems time to come out of the shadow and to play again our full, due and worthy part in American life as Americans. Otherwise we surrender to Hitler-inhabited minds that would delegate us to second rate citizenship.

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been sold on this yet, not because they're opposed to it, but because they feel that the technique and methods haven't been perfected. Rather than try something still in the experimental stage, they'd prefer to wait.

"It's TNT, this thing," she said. "Dynamite."

She then revealed that the Board of Education cannot compel any principal to introduce the 20-point plan.

"The Board does not issue mandates. Superintendent Wade's message has been distributed to every principal and he or she decides what he wishes to do with it."

Militant organizations interested in continued fostering of the project point out, on the other hand, that the supervisors have a convenient method of expressing their displeasure if a principal proves obstinate and bars the introduction of the new subject matter. One particularly effective way, they said, is to indicate that no promotion to a higher post would await any principal who had permitted the message to gather dust in a dark corner of the stockroom.



What Does Your Name Mean

Research Expert Tells Derivations Of Jewish Names—and Incidents

By N. PEARLROTH

The longest Jewish surname is Katzenellenbogen (literally the "cat's elbow"). It is taken from the community of the same name in Hessen, Germany, which was derived neither from "cat" nor "elbow" but from Cattimeliboehi, a conglomeration of three ancient Germanic tribes. There is a tradition, completely bereft of historicity, that a Jew named Saul

If you want to know the background of your name, write to Dept. K, The Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind.

Katzenellenbogen was King of Poland for one night in 1586. Saul was a real person, although he was never elected king of Poland. The myth was so persistent that his descendants adopted the name of Wahl (election). To the Poles among whom he lived and died (1545-1617) the latter name meant nothing. They Polonized it into Wol (ox). From that circumstance is derived the names of Och, Byk and Schorr, meaning "ox" or "steer," respectively, in German, Polish and Hebrew.

Among the oldest of contemporary names is Schiff. The first man to bear it was Jacob Schiff, born about 1370 in Frankfurt, who was the Dayan (judge) of the Jewish community there. The name in ancient High German meant, "a vial or large vessel of the type apothecaries display in their window." It also means a ship. There is an incidental delightful development. Many Jewish families belonging to the priesthood would avoid (for social reasons) the name Kohen and disguise it as Kahn. Succeeding generations would take umbrage at Kahn because it means a canoe in German. So in due course they would change the little canoe to schiff, which means a large boat. Practically every "Schiff" is a Cohen.

A true princely name is Bash, or Basevi. It goes back to the first Jew to receive a genuine patent of nobility. Jacob Basevi, who lived in Prague from 1580 to 1634, was, for financial services rendered to a succession of German emperors, ennobled by special patent of Ferdinand II in 1622. A branch of the Basevi family now call themselves Furst (Prince). The other Jewish "noble" names are apocryphal. The Prinz family take their name from the town of Firone, the Barons were originally called "Bar Aron" (Aronson), and the Herzogs (Dukes) derived their name from the Frenchified version of "Cerf" (a stag).

Another historical name is Saks (really Zaksh). It represents the initials of "Zera Kodash Shmo" ("His name is of the holy Seed"). It was given to the children of those martyrs who were killed in the atrocious pogroms, which raged in Germany and the Ukraine in the "dark" centuries.

The Russians recently captured the town of Loebchutz, in Upper Silesia. It is the town that gave its name to all the Lifschitz, Lipschitz and Libschutz (whose number is legion). Walter Winchell is popularly accused of being a Lipschitz by nativity. The charge is unfounded. The celebrated columnist's true name was Weinchel (a chery), a composite of the German "weichsel" and Polish "winia."

I am always asked, "How about Ginsburg? Why is that name so ubiquitous among Jews?" It is a venerable and honorable name. It

is derived from the town of Gunzburg in Bavaria, where, centuries ago, there was a great Jewish community. At the time the law compelled the Jews of Central Europe to adopt surnames, many took the name of Gunzburg, famous in history and repute. But long before that, Simon ben Eliezer Kinsburg (1506 to 1585) adopted and modified the name. So highly respected was his cognomen that its original bearers frequently went to court to prohibit strangers from assuming it. They lost, and as a result thousands of families continued year after year to change their names to Ginsburg. This caused so much resentment that many original Ginsbergs changed their name to Ulm (another town in Germany). These dissidents today bear the name of Ulm, Ulma or Ulman, but they are still Ginsbergs at heart.

National Nicknames Hebrew

It is very curious that the national nicknames of the greatest countries are all of Hebrew derivation. England is known as "John Bull," which is the Hebrew "Johannan" Anglicised. The Russian "Ivan Ivanovitch" is again "Johannon, the son of Johannan." "Marianne," for France, is the Hebrew "Miriam," a name first borne by Moses' sister. "Uncle Sam" is derived from the prophet Samuel's name. And even Hitler's people are collectively designated as "Michel," from the Hebrew Michael ("who is like God"). Does anyone recall the strident and raucous tones in which the paperhanger used to scream of the great things in store for his German Michel?

Another category of names I am frequently queried about are those beginning with Gold, Perl, Blum and Rose. (Goldman, Perlman, Blumberg, Rosenman and the other variations.) The answer is a romantic *cherchez la femme*. When surnames were made compulsory by Emperor Joseph II of Austria, who was an enlightened monarch, orders were issued to the communal authorities to consult as much as possible the preferences of the Jewish population. Whenever this was done the man about to be given a new name frequently chose a word beginning with the name of his young bride, mother or a young daughter—Rose (Susan), Golda, Perl (from the Hebrew Margaret) or Blume (flower). A small number of Gold-

bergs and Rosenbergs may be derived from the four towns named Goldberg, and six localities named Rosenberg in Central Europe. Incidentally, when we reach the section dealing with Jewish feminine names it will be found how imaginative and poetical these names really were.

Names Translated

Another series of surnames are derived from translations or interpretations of a person's given name. If a man's name was Tobias he would choose its German equivalent, Goodman, as his family name. A man whose given name was Solomon would prefer Friedman, or Friedrich. The surname Licht was selected by a man whose first name was Uri. If one bore the name Jonah he usually would pick a cognomen associated with the biblical Jonah's great adventure. Fish is a result of this process. Some would go further and put Walfish (whale) in the same class, although the Bible never identified the species of "big fish" which took Jonah for a ride from the coast of Spain to the Persian Gulf. Other "fishy" names are due to the fact that there is a place in Silesia called "Rybnik (Fishtown). Practically all the inhabitants of this town chose names like Aal (eel), Hecht (pike), Karp (carp), Karash (little carp) as their surnames. Those named Moses would often choose Gottesman (godly man). The family name Bondy is an Italian translation of the Jewish given name, Jomtef (holiday). Selig, Selinger, is a translation of Ascher. Frohman and Freiman (man of joy) is the equivalent of the Hebrew Nechemia, and Hellman is derived from the prophet Samuel.—Brooklyn Jewish Center Review.

1,135,000, Toll at Early Extermination Camp

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW—The Polish Provisional Government in Warsaw has made public the results of its investigations of the Nazi "extermination camp" in Chelmno, near Kolo, in the Poznan district, revealing that at least 1,135,000 Jews from all parts of Europe were killed there by the Germans between 1940 when the camp was established and 1945 when the Red Army liberated the territory where the camp was situated.

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which the 300,000th man happens to select, will be provided, and the Golden Slipper Square Club will give him a \$100 war bond. The Midtown Club will furnish a well-filled overnight bag.

The GI will remain overnight in a hotel suite, with breakfast served to him in bed. Visits to historic shrines, restaurants, clubs, and theaters are on the schedule.

1300 From Mauritius To Get into Palestine

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—Eliahu Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, announced that the 1,300 Jews who were sent by British authorities from Palestine to the island of Mauritius because they were illegal immigrants are expected to return to Palestine next month under an arrangement between the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Government.

Large Modern Depot Planned at Tel Aviv

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TEL AVIV—The construction of a large modern railway depot for Tel Aviv, with big warehouses, a tunnel for trains passing through the town, and up-to-date rolling stock, were features of a plan outlined by Mr. A. F. Kurby, General Manager of Palestine Railways, in an article in the "Palestine and Middle East" magazine. It is intended to proceed with these developments as soon as materials are available.

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Between You and Me

By BORIS SMOLAR



NON-ZIONIST leaders in the United States who oppose the British White Paper are conducting negotiations in Washington to secure its withdrawal. . . . It is understood that Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, is paying serious attention to their demand that tens of thousands of Jews from Europe should be admitted to Palestine in the near future. . . . The

NOTES State Department, which officially welcomed the formation of the Arab League because of American oil and air interests, will be reminded by American Zionist leaders of the pledge given by both the Democratic and Republican parties with regard to Jewish rights in Palestine. . . . The Zionist movement in the United States will, for the first time since the outbreak of the war, send a large delegation abroad shortly. . . . The delegation will go to London to participate in the World Zionist Conference there, and will later visit other European countries to report on Zionist activities in America. . . . Meanwhile, the Zionist Organization of America, under pressure from the executive of the Jewish Agency, is sincerely trying to bring about a reconciliation between Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. . . . It is felt that peace in the U. S. Zionist movement will be achieved either now or never. . . . If the Z. O. A. "peace committee" does not succeed in settling the Wise-Silver strife this month, the matter will remain pending until a general convention of the organization, which, under the present travel restrictions, may not take place for a long time. . . . This explains why the annual conferences this week of two of the largest Zionist regional groups—in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx in New York—asked

for the immediate recall of Dr. Silver to active Zionist leadership. . . . These two regional organizations comprise over 15,000 who do not want to see any split in Zionist ranks at the present time, when all forces are needed to prevent possible serious attacks on the Jewish position in Palestine.

Jewish chaplains attached to the U. S. armed forces in Europe report that a large proportion of liberated from German concentration camps do not want to return to their native countries. . . . This is especially true with regard to Jews from Poland, Hungary and Rumania. . . . They prefer to remain stateless, in the hope that they will be transferred to Palestine. . . . On the other hand, Belgian, Dutch and Czech Jews are all eager to go back to their home towns. . . . The National Jewish Welfare Board has established that 1,300,000 Jews are serving in the armies of the United Nations. . . . In terms of army composition, these Jews in uniform would make up 87 divisions, or 10 1/2 armies. . . . We hear that the Zionists alone, more than 500,000 Jews are in the armed services, and they would comprise more than four armies. . . . We hear that the Zionist Organization of America is preparing a plan for settling demobilized American Jewish soldiers in Palestine. . . . The raising of a special fund for the construction in Denver of a Gen. Maurice Rose Hospital, in memory of the Denver Jewish general who was killed by the Germans, is proceeding very successfully. . . . The fund has already reached about \$500,000 of which \$95,000 was raised by Eddie Cantor who re-

ceived the "Gen. Rose Medal" for humanitarian service.

An interesting book—not for sale—is Julius H. Greenstone's "Jewish Feasts and Fasts," just published in Philadelphia in honor of the author's seventieth birthday. . . . It is a kind of a small encyclopedia on Jewish holidays, their history, their meaning, and the meaning of each of the ceremonies connected with them. . . . The 300-page volume could have, no doubt, been a very good seller, both because of its educational value and its clear and simple answers to every question one can ask about any of the Jewish holidays and the origin of their ceremonies. . . . It is to be hoped that the volume will eventually be placed on the market for wide distribution, since this is the type of educational book that the new generation of Jews in the United States needs. . . . Dr. Greenstone has been a prominent Jewish educator in Philadelphia since 1900, when he came to that city. . . . Shortly after he arrived there he joined the faculty of the Gratz College, of which he later became Principal. . . . A committee of his friends, former pupils and collaborators, organized in Philadelphia to arrange for a fitting celebration of his seventieth birthday, decided on the publication of "Jewish Feasts and Fasts" as one of their projects. . . . We hope that, because of the great educational usefulness of this volume, the committee will arrange for a mass-edition, for the benefit of all those Jewish homes throughout the United States where such books are welcomed both by parents and children.

A very high French official was greatly impressed when I told him, at the outbreak of the war, that the Jews of the United States had spent more than 100 million dollars for relief in Europe, through the Joint Distribution Committee, since World War I. . . . I can just imagine how im-

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS TO SEE NEW PRAYER BOOK AT CONVENTION SUNDAY

Special NEW YORK—The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national organization of conservative rabbis, will hold their annual convention on Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28 at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York. The convention will discuss, among other questions, the problems of "The Returning Veteran and His Religion."

Highlight of the convention will be the presentation by Dr. Robert Gordis, President of the Assembly and Chairman of the Joint Prayerbook Commission, to the United Synagogue of

America the first uniform and official prayerbook to be offered Conservative Jewry. The prayerbook has been prepared on the basis of the manuscript submitted by Rabbi Morris Silverman of Congregation Emanuel, Hartford, Conn., who is editor for the Commission.

The convention will also consider a pension plan which for the first time offers financial security to the Conservative rabbinates.

The wives of the conservative Jewish Chaplains overseas will attend the Rabbinical Assembly Convention for their husbands.

Weizmann at 1st Public Meet Since Operation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency LONDON—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, looking greatly improved from his recent illness, made his first public appearance this week since he submitted to an eye operation in April. He attended a farewell reception to members of the Palestine trade delegation which has been here for several weeks conferring with British industrialists and government officials on Post-war industry and commerce.

Jewish GIs Give 75,000 Francs to Rheims

Jewish Telegraphic Agency NEW YORK—American Jewish servicemen stationed at or near Rheims, France, raised 75,000 francs for a fund to put the revived Jewish community of Rheims back on its feet, the Jewish Welfare Board reports.

Financial experts in Palestine estimate that close to \$4,000,000, on the basis of prewar rates, will have to be invested for the purpose of rehabilitating the Jewish citrus industry and place it on a firm footing.

There were 2,120 industrial establishments in Palestine in 1943.

Picture Stories from the Bible

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SO THEY ALL LEFT THE CITY OF UR, WHERE ABRAHAM'S FATHER HAD BEEN WORSHIPPING FALSE GODS—

TERAH, THE FATHER OF ABRAHAM, LIVED HAPPILY IN CHALDEA, WITH HIS THREE SONS, ABRAHAM'S WIFE, SARAI, AND THEIR NEPHEW, LOT—

BUT WHEN HARAN, ONE OF ABRAHAM'S BROTHERS DIED, THE FAMILY GREW RESTLESS—

YES, SINCE MY SON HARAN DIED, I AM NO LONGER HAPPY HERE! LET US GO TO OTHER LANDS!

NOW THAT WE'VE LEFT THAT IDOL-WORSHIPPING PLACE MAYBE TERAH WILL TURN FROM FALSE GODS TO THE TRUE GOD!

THEY FINALLY CAME TO THE LAND OF HARAN—HERE THEY PITCHED THEIR TENTS AND LIVED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS IN PEACE AND HAPPINESS—

I HAVE BEEN HAPPY HERE IN THIS NEW LAND BUT I KNOW I SHALL NOT BE WITH YOU MUCH LONGER!

TERAH DIED AT A GRAND OLD AGE—ABRAHAM AND LOT MOURNED HIM—

A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE! I'M GLAD HE LEFT HIS FALSE GODS AND TURNED TO THE TRUE ONE!

WITH GRANDFATHER GONE OUR HOME WILL BE BROKEN UP—WHERE SHALL I GO?

PLEASE STAY WITH US—YOU ARE MY BROTHER'S SON, LOT, AND AS DEAR TO ME AS MY OWN. INDEED—GOD HAS GIVEN US NO OTHER CHILDREN!

DO STAY! LOT!

I'LL STAY!

AND GOD SPOKE TO ABRAHAM IN HIS GRIEF—

LEAVE YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE AND GO INTO A LAND I WILL SHOW YOU—THERE YOU SHALL FOUND A GREAT NATION—THROUGH YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED!

SO ABRAHAM SET OUT AGAIN WITH SARAI, LOT AND THEIR HERDS OF CATTLE AND SHEEP—

WILL WE NEVER FIND THE PLACE WHERE WE ARE TO LIVE?

HAVE PATIENCE, LOT, GOD IS LEADING US! I PRAY IT MAY BE TO A GREEN PASTURE LAND!

AT LAST THEY CAME TO THE FAIR LAND OF CANAAN—

IT IS JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS I DREAMED IT WOULD BE!

IT LOOKS SO FRESH AND PEACEFUL

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Jews in Sports

☆ Here and There in The Sports World

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By HASKELL COHEN

CAPT. HAROLD STEINFELD, former physical education and English instructor at the Forest Hills School of the Gardens Junior High before the war, is the new North Brazilian and South Atlantic Army-Navy tennis champion as a result of winning these two titles while with the Air Transport Command.

Did you see who was mentioned in that Leo Durocher-John Christian fight at Ebbets field recently? None other than Dutch Garfinkel, star basketball performer of the Philly Sphas. Dutch always had a predilection for getting into scrapes so Eddie Gottlieb will not be surprised to learn Dutch will appear as a witness against Durocher. Durocher is accused of slugging Christian under the Dodgers' stands with Garfinkel a witness to the battle.

Speaking of the Dodgers, Goody Rosen has already fashioned three separate hitting streaks of ten or more games each where he hit safely in every contest.

JACOB BEACH NOTES: Morris Reif, promising welter, starts his summer campaign at the Queensboro Stadium the latter part of the month. . . . Danny Bartfield's bum hand is only a knuckle bruise so that he will be ready for action in July. . . . Al Davis will probably face the new sensation, Tony Janior, in the Garden during the next month. . . . Mike Jacobs is seriously thinking of putting on a gala 11-star show at the Polo Grounds the first week in August. . . . Benny Goldberg, flashy Detroit bantamweight, looms as the next champion in that division since the present incumbent, Manuel Ortiz, doesn't appear capable of making the weight any longer. . . . Benny holds two wins over Ortiz, hence his claim to the title. . . . Lou Gross again proved his ability by master-minding Willy Joyce to victory over Ike Williams last Friday night. Willie Ketchum has a likely prospect in his own nephew, Irving Palefsky, a rough and tumble welter weight. Morton Klein, another Ketchum product, is coming along as a welter weight. Morton no longer is a wild swinger, he shows more finesse every time out. He no longer concentrates on head attacks but likes to belt to opponent's stomachs since it is easier on the hands. Morton is a violinist and wants to be a doctor. . . . Herman "Muggsy" Taylor, the Philly promoter, is recuperating from a siege of typhoid fever. He sat behind me in the press section at the Williams-Joyce shindig. Next to him was that old fight fan, Al Jolson. Jolson looks rather worn. His name, Al Jolson, the colored fighter, hasn't been going so well these past few weeks. Oscar Levant will be the next celebrity to have a fighter assume his pseudonym. . . . Allie Stoltz continues his winning ways. The latest triumph is a four-round kayo over Tommy Mills. Allie is headed for a main bout at the Garden.

Did you notice that the New York Giants went into a serious tail skid as soon as Phil Weintraub, their slugging first sacker, left the lineup with an injured knee. Phil returned from the New Yorker's first western trip on a pair of crutches. While he was gone the Ottmen managed to drop eleven out of fourteen contests. Al Gardella was brought in from Jersey City to replace the injured Weintraub but proved very ineffective. Critics always claimed Phil was a sloppy fielder but when they say what the supposedly Fancy Dan Gardella did around the initial hassock they readily agreed Mr. Weintraub is a much better fielder than hitherto supposed.

Herman Barron, leading Jewish pro golfer, came through with two splendid rounds, 68-69, to lead the Metropolitan district Professional Golfers' Association qualifiers. Mike Turnesa trailed him by six strokes. He may go places at the P. G. A. tourney at Dayton, Ohio, July 9th. Keep your eye on him.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: In the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, No. B-39110.

BRIGGS vs. BRIGGS

Be It Known, That on the 4th day of June, 1945, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Elise T. Briggs, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing the residence of the defendant, upon diligent inquiry, in 7206 Park Ave., North Bergen, New Jersey, and the defendant is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and that said cause of action is for divorce and that the defendant in a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff, having by endorsement on said complaint, required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 4 day of September, 1945.

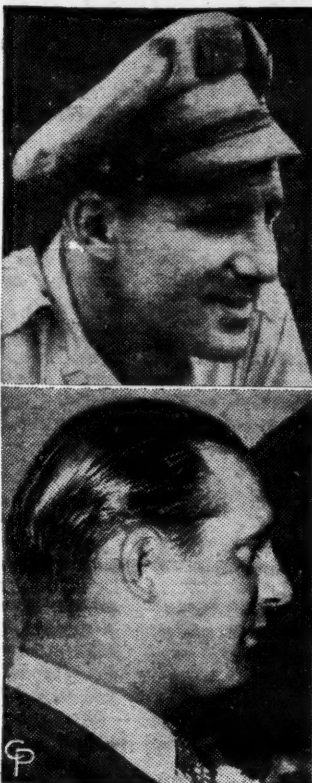
Now, Therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant, last above named, is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 4th day of September, 1945, the same being the 2nd judicial day of a term in said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in her absence.

A. JACK TILSON, Clerk
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The following delinquent pledges will be sold June 20, 1945, at 9 a. m. by Samuel Feldman Loan Office, 233 East Washington St., Indianapolis, Indiana:

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5420	4-16-43	8561	5-10-44
5711	5-27-43	8630	5-24-44
6373	8-31-43	8650	5-27-44
6660	10-25-43	8678	6-3-44
6857	11-26-43	8690	6-7-44
6212	8-5-43	8693	6-8-44
6784	11-13-43	8698	6-10-44
7007	12-29-43	8731	6-20-44
7021	1-3-44	8732	6-20-44
7088	1-19-44	8748	6-24-44
7089	1-19-44	8760	6-27-44
7062	1-11-44	8786	6-30-44
7094	1-20-44	8833	7-13-44
8005	1-24-44	8842	7-15-44
8030	1-28-44	8854	7-17-44
8061	2-4-44	8873	7-20-44
8077	2-8-44	8875	7-20-44
8081	2-9-44	8876	7-20-44
8097	2-10-44	8888	7-22-44
8112	2-14-44	8889	7-22-44
8127	2-16-44	8896	7-24-44
8147	2-19-44	8907	7-25-44
8173	2-23-44	8925	7-28-44
8209	3-1-44	8933	7-29-44
8228	3-6-44	8966	8-8-44
8247	3-9-44	8990	8-11-44
8242	3-8-44	8992	8-12-44
8253	3-10-44	9000	8-14-44
8256	3-10-44	9009	8-15-44
8273	3-16-44	9012	8-15-44
8277	3-15-44	9013	8-16-44
8280	3-16-44	9037	8-21-44
8289	3-18-44	9045	8-22-44
8294	3-18-44	9043	8-23-44
8305	3-20-44	9050	8-23-44
8328	3-24-44	9057	8-25-44
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8336	3-25-44	9069	8-28-44
8357	3-30-44	9100	9-5-44



Pennant for the Tiger?

Capt. Hank Greenberg, former slugging outfielder of the Detroit Tigers, who was discharged recently from the Army is carrying the hopes of Detroit Tiger baseball fans in his big bat. Greenberg, who went into the Army as a private in May, 1941, has reported to the Tigers and it may mean a pennant for the Bengals. Hank, a veteran of 10 years in the major leagues, owns a .325 batting average and three times won the home run championship of the league. He is shown as civilian, player and soldier. (International)



ROSEN IN SECOND SPOT IN NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING

SPECIAL BROOKLYN—Goody Rosen, the little-man with the big bat, continues his hot streak for the fast-climbing Brooklyn Dodgers and at press time was hitting close to the .360 mark. That mark was good enough for second to the pace setting Tommy Holmes of Boston.

In running his streak to 13 straight games, Goody had a triple, double and single as the Dodgers won, 9-8 from the Braves. This makes the third time this season his consecutive game hitting streak has reached the 10 game mark.

He attributes his better batting mark to his increased weight. He now weighs 175.15 more than in 1944.

He also has praise for Chuck Dressen, Brooklyn coach, who helped along with some good pointers. He changed his method swinging his bat. Evidently, it sure has helped.

Paper Says Palestine "Suez" Canal Planned

SPECIAL LONDON—Construction of a new "Suez Canal" and inland waterway, linking the port of Acre in Northern Palestine with the Gulf of Akaba, the North-eastern arm of the Red Sea, is now being planned by Great Britain, according to the "London Daily Sketch."

The proposed canal would be about two hundred miles long and would open the Dead Sea for the first time in history. It would be one hundred miles longer than the Suez Canal and one hundred and fifty miles longer than the Panama Canal, the paper reports.

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8531	5-3-44	9678	1-17-45
8543	5-6-44	9717	1-27-45
8573	5-13-44	9742	2-2-45
8587	5-10-44	9779	2-14-45
8567	5-11-44	9789	2-17-45

Shorts

SAM Edelpup, a graduate of the American College of Physical Education, has been coaching baseball and basketball at Crane Tech High school in Chicago since 1935.

Morris Cohen has reopened the Pasadena Arena for professional boxing. Several years back he was hailed as the "boy promoter."

Louis B. Mayer's Thumbs Up has been assigned top weight for the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, slated for June 30 in Arcadia, Calif. Mrs. J. B. Burnstein's Okana is also expected to go postward in that race.

Samuel Reshevsky, Boston, Mass., national open chess champion, played against 13 opponents in a simultaneous exhibition at the New World Chess Club in New York last week. And he made a clean sweep of all 13 matches. Good thing he's not superstitious.

Arnold (Butzy) Lehrman, University of Minnesota shortstop who had a whirl at pro ball with Minneapolis in the American Association last year (the Big Ten rules were wide open that year), closed the season by pounding out three for four and handling 10 chances with but one error as the Gophers won from Indiana, 9-3. Butzy batted in the cleanup position for the Gophers as they won four and lost the same number.

Benny Goldberg's claim as duration bantamweight champion is being disputed by several boxers, including Tony Olivera and Luis Costello. Goldberg based his claim on several neat showings in California.

Mrs. Jane Weiller Selz is one of the better women golfers in the Chicago area. She has won numerous championships.

Herb Simons, baseball expert for the Chicago Times, is also Editor-Publisher of the Baseball Digest. The new publication has been gaining in popularity.

Morton Klein, who fought in one of the prelims at Madison Square Garden recently, is medical student at New York University. In addition to being a good student and boxer, he's also a talented musician.

This week's question: The two Chicago entries in the National Professional Football league each had a Jewish star. Name them and give their college affiliations? The names of those answering correctly will be published in this column in next week's paper.

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Friday, June 22, 1945

The Editor's Chair

Some time ago one of the Jewish chaplains in the Pacific wrote to me that the chaplain who was in command of his area, whose church was in Indiana, was returning to the United States, and that this chaplain had been exceedingly helpful and understanding and had gone out of his way to see that a great many services were made available for the Jewish men in his area which ordinarily would not have been possible. The Jewish chaplain thought that perhaps something could be done somehow to show appreciation for this fine person.

I feel rather good about what has happened and that I had a part in it.

I first wrote to the editor of the daily paper in the chaplain's town in Northern Indiana, and suggested that his community might want to arrange some sort of a reception for Chaplain —. The editor, recognizing news when he sees it, forthwith put the "story" in the paper that Chaplain — was returning after many months in the Pacific area.

I also wrote to a prominent Jewish leader in the community closest to the home of the Chaplain which had an organized Jewish community and suggested that either the B'nai B'rith or some other official Jewish body might very well do something to show the appreciation of the Jewish people back home.

The first thing I knew was a letter I received from the Chaplain's wife, who sent me the clipping from the daily paper showing that her husband was to return. She wanted to know how I got the information, because although she had a letter from him that very day there was nothing in it about his coming home. I wrote and told her what I knew.

That was about a month or so ago. Now I have a letter from the Jewish community, and it tells of a dinner being tendered the Chaplain by twenty to thirty of the Jewish leaders there. The Chaplain at first demurred about any kind of reception, but later yielded. Modest as he is, the chaplain insists that there be no publicity, which is why I am not printing his name.

Editorial

Will Have To Increase Print Order For New Prayer Book

FROM the practical standpoint, it would be business-like for the Reconstructionist Movement to double or treble the original print order for its new prayer book.

Other than this one direct result, it is doubtful if the "cherem" publicly administered to Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, leader of the Reconstructionist Movement, will have any effect, either on the book, on Dr. Kaplan or on the Reconstructionist Movement.

When the Boston censors exercise a new novel, they grant it guaranteed success. When

John Roy Carlson, publisher of "Undercover" was sued by many of those mentioned in its pages, he was assured of his million sales.

So that the Orthodox Rabbis have given the new prayer book the best send off any prayer book has received in modern times. Last year, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations issued its revised prayer book, and even this week, the Rabbinical Assembly is announcing its new prayer book. Neither of these have the good send off The Reconstructionist prayer book is receiving.

Non-Jews Educated, Would Now Educate Jews

SO successful was the open house technique used by Shaar Hashomayim Congregation in Windsor, Ontario, in imparting to 4,000 non-Jews who thronged that congregation's edifice in a day long open house a background of what Judaism professes, that the Congregation has arranged this year an open house for all people—Jews.

In an editorial in the Bulletin, the congregation says:

This year we are repeating the event.

But the officers of the Congregation are doing even more.

They realize that so many of the Jewish

members of the community can profit from a similar affair that they have arranged the Friday evening Guest Night preceding the Open House. This will be for the Jewish members of the community."

Of course Rabbi Benjamin Groner, enterprising spiritual leader of Shaar Hashomayim has arranged the theme of the Jewish open house around the subject of the synagogue as the leading factor in the building of American Judaism, but we have a sneaking suspicion that the Jews no less than the non-Jews will find their shocking ignorance of things Jewish allayed most by a discourse on the veriest fundamentals of Judaism and the synagogue.

Younger Men In The Rabbinate No Slouches

IN all the current hullabaloo over the inadequacy of the younger men in the rabbinate and those attending rabbinical seminaries, it should not be overlooked that of the men who are making names for themselves as leading rabbis, most of them are in their early forties and many have yet to reach that age.

Rabbi Robert Gordis, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, looks more like twenty than he does forty, yet is a profound scholar as well as a leader of men and rabbis. Rabbis Maurice Eisendrath, executive director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, hasn't been shaving very long, and Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of Chicago's KAM Temple, except for a

receding hairline, can't be claimed by other than the present generation.

In orthodoxy, too, the younger men are holding the reins of leadership, and this trend will be accentuated when rabbis like Chaplain Max Braude and Chaplain Jacob Ott, among others return from the wars.

Even in the American Council for Judaism, youth holds sway, for Rabbi Elmer Berger, has probably yet to see his thirty-fifth birthday.

Partriarchs in the rabbinate we have, and giants too. But it is not accurate to say that the men taking over the leadership in American Jewish religious circles need yield in anything to the older men whose names are on everyone's lips.

Much Indecision Shown In Report

A report of the "Conference on research in the Field of Anti-Semitism" held in March by the American Jewish Committee, and just made available to the public, shows a definite desire to treat the subject objectively and scientifically, but also reveals a great deal of confusion and indecision.

The American Jewish Committee at this late date, it is to be hoped, is not still trying to arrive at a definite policy in its anti-defamation work, as the pamphlet seems to indicate. The only positive program the report shows is

that of inter-cultural education. The remainder of the report inclines towards indecision and "not knowing what to do."

The conference heard reports of polls revealing that twenty-five per cent of the people of the U. S. are anti-Semitic.

The very last sentence in the report is revealing: "Mindful of the changing world situation, it was recommended that further conferences of scientists endeavor to implement research and testing programs.

Current Comment

Balanced Budget Not Spiritual Achievement Says Rabbi Irving L. Goldman—Many lay leaders of the synagogue seem to think that a balanced budget equals spiritual achievement. The general membership sharing this attitude faithfully pays the dues and promptly ignores the duties, the personal spiritual commitments involved in synagogue affiliation. The Synagogue is commanding increasing loyalty in terms of financial support from a numerically augmented membership. But measured by more appropriate standards, the story is sad, indeed.

Synagogue attendance is falling off, even on Friday evenings when almost all adults in the congregation can attend. In many congregations the officers and board members of the synagogue, who so faithfully conduct the fiscal affairs of the organization, teach the membership by example how to administer "absent treat-

ment" to God's House. With the virtual disappearance of the pious grandfather of yesterday, the Sabbath morning service is on the verge of being abolished. Only the artificial stimulus of a socially popular Bar Mitzvah ceremony enables it to show sporadic signs of life.

One is tempted to blame the sorry situation on the intellectual climate of our age, which is not exactly conducive to religious life. One can point to the distractions of the radio and to the cacophonous appeal of commercialized amusements as formidable detriments to synagogue attendance. One could easily list the economic, environment and other negative factors which militate against the realization of the spiritual objectives of the synagogue. I believe, however, that these obstacles call for greater determination and a clearer preception of the duty of the hour, rather than for a hopelessness which discourages remedial action.

THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

At a luncheon given in his honor on Monday, James G. McDonald gave an entirely different version from that which we read in the newspapers about the late President Roosevelt's meeting with Ibn Saud of Arabia. It will be recalled that Roosevelt was quoted as saying that he had learned more about Palestine from five minutes of talk with Ibn Saud than from his many interviews with Jews. Many Zionists were really disturbed by this report. According to McDonald, Wise gave him quite another version of the conversation, which was told to Wise by the late President himself. It was this: After talking back and forth with Ibn Saul about the question of Palestine, Roosevelt felt he was getting nowhere fast. Ibn Saud wasn't inclined to be conciliatory on the Jewish position. Finally, having exhausted all other approaches, the President said, "You know, the Jews have done wonderful things in Palestine. They have taken barren land and planted thousands of trees and wonderful forests..." To which Ibn Saud replied, "But I don't like trees and forests..." Thus the meeting ended as a dismal failure... and when Roosevelt made the remark attributed to him he meant something quite different from the interpretation given to it by the Zionists. At least, that's what Wise says—William I. Boxerman in The Jacksonville Jewish Community Commentator.

Palestine is now exporting cut and polished diamonds to the United States at the rate of over \$20,000,000 a year, an export which during the war has taken the place of the former principal export, citrus fruit. If these two industries together with the Dead Sea chemical salt industry are maintained after the war, their exports alone are likely to reach \$44,000,000. Palestine's total exports in the three pre-war years averaged \$31,000,000.—Robert J. Barr, chief of the Near East Section, U. S. Department of Commerce.

"... more and more Jews of this country are beginning to realize that their lives as Jews do not strike deep roots in the tradition of their people. American Judaism is becoming more and more a cut-flower Judaism. Cut-flowers look attractive when they are placed in water, but only for a short while. Cut away from their roots, they fade and wither. They cannot flourish and grow. So it is with American Jews. They find that their Jewish interests are fading. No wonder, so many are cut off from the roots of Jewish knowledge. It is only when the minds of American Jews will be deeply embedded in the soil of Jewish learning that they will feel a sense of satisfaction and strength, a sense of vigor and growth. It is to be hoped that the National Laymen's Institute will give rootage and flower to American Judaism.—Rose Feltelson.

Publishers to Meet
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
DETROIT—The executive committee of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, which includes 23 leading English-Jewish weeklies in America, will meet in Detroit on Saturday evening, June 23, and all day Sunday, June 24, at the Detroit-Leland Hotel.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Names of letter writers need not be printed, and will not be divulged, although the name must be appended to the letter as it reaches our office for verification as to authenticity. Unsigned letters will not be considered. Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

CONGRESSMAN ERVIN DENIES BIAS TO KEW GARDENS TEMPLE HEAD

Hon. Joseph W. Ervin, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman: Reference has recently been made to a speech you delivered on the Fair Employment Practices Bill in which, it is alleged, unflattering statements were made about the Jewish people.

Newspaper reports, as we all know, are not always accurate. Moreover, I cannot believe that you, a distinguished American occupying an exalted position in the public life of America, would countenance statements derogatory to the Jewish people.

We—particularly those whose lives are guided by the teachings and ideals inherent in the Christian and Jewish religions—believe that we are all children of the one God. Is it not, therefore, the duty and obligation of all of us to be not only tolerant but scrupulously fair, each toward the other, and thereby advance the cause of human brotherhood.

Haven't we had enough of hate and prejudice? Millions of men, women and children have been killed and maimed; hundreds of cities have been destroyed as a result of the perversion of men. Should we not—especially men in high places—begin now to work toward the fulfillment of the ideals of the ancient prophet of Israel who taught us "to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God?"

We have just vanquished, by the grace of God, the greatest menace to civilization—the gangster Nazis of Germany, who not only persecuted and decimated the Jewish people, who contributed so much toward the advancement of the ethical life and culture of Germany, but also enslaved the non-Jewish elements of Germany, many of whom were the innocent victims of the vicious Nazi system. Let us here in America, dedicate ourselves to the ideals of democracy, the ideals of human brotherhood, so that these United States may become a living witness to all people that the fruits of our democratic system are justice and liberty and good will among all the inhabitants thereof.

Cordially yours,

NATHAN H. SEIDMAN

President, Temple Isaiah of Kew Gardens.

Congress of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Nathan H. Seidman, President, Temple Isaiah, Chrysler Building, New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Seidman: I have just received your letter in reference to my stand against the proposal to establish a permanent Fair Employment practice Committee.

I appreciate your writing me about this matter as it will give me an opportunity to assure you about my position as to the Jewish people and all other minorities.

In taking a stand against this proposal, I am not taking a stand against the minorities, but I am taking stand against the methods of regimentation as set up by the Bill. I feel that if we are to enjoy democracy in this country, we must stay away from measures that would centralize

Would Have Boy Don Longies at Bar Mitzvah

To the editor,

Time was when a boy first uttered those classic words on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah—on that day, too, he pulled on his first pair of long pants, suffered the tortures of the sinning while delivering the oration prepared by the Rabbi, stumbled through the blessings and felt that he really had arrived at a milestone.

Today we question that attitude on the part of the boy—we see young boys beginning at the age of four already wearing longies—and what is worse at the age of ten or eleven we see them strutting about quite openly smoking cigarettes like veterans.

These long pants give them a feeling of maturity and we question, who is to blame? Shall we say the parents or teachers or schools—be that as it may we are for the old-fashioned day of Bar Mitzvah marking the donning of those long trousers, and perhaps if parents refused to supply them the growing boy will look forward to the day when not alone the exhaustless supply of ties and fountain pens will mark his Bar Mitzvah. What say, Parents—

MRS. ANNA ROSS

Sincerely yours,

JOE W. ERVIN Newark, N. J.

BELIEVES SCHLANGER POST SHOULD DISBAND; MEMBERS JOIN OTHER GROUPS

To the editor,

With former WAVE Sylvia Andelman as its "Commander," reportedly, the "first All-Girl Veterans' Post organized in Boston by J. W. V." and "first all-girl post of veterans organized in the United States by any veterans' organization," has been named honoring the late Lt. Frances Yette Schlanger, first American nurse killed in the European War Area.

Unquestionably, their prerogative, but unfortunate that these apparently misguided American

women war veterans should have permitted themselves to be prevailed upon by, and succumb to, certain influences in banding together as a post to the exclusion of their veteran comrades of non-Jewish religious persuasion.

One waxes curious as to the reason, intent and purpose of Boston's ladies of Lt. Frances Y. Schlanger Post J. W. V. choosing to function as an exclusively Jewish post.

Religious discrimination, as in the past, must inevitably beget the very condition reportedly much in evidence these days.

In the opinion of the writer, this initial evidence of religious discrimination involved in the organizing of a post, in doing honor to, and perpetuating the memory of, a comrade who died for Democracy, is about as blatant an example of Old Testament bigotry and intolerance as an element of Boston Jews and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States could be guilty of.

In order to discourage this, similar, and other examples of religion promoted differences, Boston's Jewish All-Girl Veterans' Post should, in the interests of Americanism, both in thought and practice, acknowledge its error by formally disbanding.

NATHAN SCHWARZ
New York, N. Y.

Reader Wants to Know If "Ike" of Jewish Descent

To the editor,

Is it true that General Eisenhower is of Jewish descent?

Thanking you for a reply, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. ROSENFELD

4820 Lee Avenue

St. Louis 15, Missouri

Editor's Note: As far as The Post knows, Gen. Eisenhower is not of Jewish descent, but we have written to him for a reply.

A provisional body to administer the property of all Jewish organization "liquidated" during the German occupation has been established in Amsterdam by the Committee for the Revival of the Jewish Community Council.

Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

HOLLYWOOD.

FROM a daily personal collection of gossip and exposes about the greats, the near-greats and hangers-on of Hollywood and New York night life, Walter Winchell's newspaper and Sunday night Blue network radio column have grown into a national institution.

This New York columnist, now in Hollywood, has become a potent instrument in the fight against fascism and a startlingly vigorous proponent of the American way—for through his twin outlets (his 800-odd papers and his radio program) Walter Winchell has achieved an audience rivaled only by the late President Roosevelt.

The influence he exerts is always on one beam—that of an uncompromising fight against the enemies of democracy and the American way, whether they be native American Fascists or Communists.

In the past weeks two signal honors have come Walter's way. One was the Reader's Scope Magazine award of \$5,000 "To the American in public life who has made the outstanding contribution to the fight against native Fascists." Characteristically, Winchell turned the award over to those who, in his opinion really deserved the money—namely, the American G. I. The other honor, was the citation given Winchell, for the third successive year, by the Radio Appreciation League for his interpretation of the world scene.

What has Walter Winchell advocated over the years? For what does he stand and fight? First, and foremost, has been his relentless, uncompromising battle against Fascism. He has been quoted as saying, "I hate Fascism from the right and I hate Communism from the left. That's Communism, spelled sideways."

Walter, a Hitler hater from the start, began his realistic attacks when he exposed Fritz Kuhn and the Bundist back in 1933. It was hard in those days for unsuspecting Americans to believe the truth of his charges when he practically shouted from the house-tops about the Nazi plans to infiltrate and organize this country. Readers and listeners, accordingly, were at first incredulous, then curious, and then increasingly positive that the unflagging exposes had the ring of truth behind them. Things began to happen. While Walter warned, Americans could see, as the international picture changed, just what was in store for them. The "Alarmist" had become a prophet.

His hatred of Fascism both at home and abroad brought him early into the Roosevelt camp and he became an unhesitating Roosevelt follower, from the early days of strong warnings, to lend-lease and, finally, to war. Those men in high places, whom Winchell knew and felt to be native Fascists either from the left or right, were the targets of his frontal assault.

Lately, Walter, that phenomenon of journalism and radio, whose vigorous ability is unquestioned as his equally vigorous Americanism, and whose power no one can truly judge, has been advocating a harsh treatment of the defeated Nazis. Calling all-Germans Nazis, Winchell has, with his realistic inventiveness, termed them German Nazis and has been demanding a stern peace—one commensurate with the brutalities of the Nazis themselves. He has spoken out sharply against coddling of Nazi war prisoners, and his efforts to awaken the public to the true situation are fruitful.

His detestation of Franco's Spain (and for what he stands) has shaped the attitude of the country towards the last of the reigning European Fascists. His constant and documented attacks on Argentina have brought into daylight the sorry condition existing in our own hemisphere. All America knows Walter Winchell as one of the prime movers toward a world organization devoted to peace and understanding. His espousal of the San Francisco Conference has followed this lead.

Never retiring, never shy, Walter is unafraid to speak up against anyone—and to back up his statements with facts. He can't be silenced, and he can't be censored when he feels that the target of his attack should be annihilated. A thorough-going internationalist, Walter Winchell, starting from a vaudeville gossip columnist, has dedicated his life to the destruction of the Fascist and Communist enemies of our country!

A Weekly Digest of

The Yiddish Press

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

Burning of Prayer Book Generally Regretted

THE Yiddish Press generally regrets the ex-communication of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan by the Orthodox Rabbis. S. Dimgal in the Day, says the American public will associate such methods with witch-hunting and the middle ages. He says we live in a time and in a country where "better elements advocate tolerance among men and faiths."

His colleague, B. Z. Goldberg, dislikes the new prayer book, but calls the old one "also made. It is not given to Moses at Sinai." The Forward's Zivion

offers the Rabbis "better candidates for ex-communication." Let them "ex-communicate Jews of the black market, who sully Jewish name. They will find them even in their own congregations and among their trustees."

Only the Morning Journal half-heartedly defends the Rabbis. It says "many will ask questions." But it declares that while the Reform prayer book will never appeal to real Jews, Kaplan's book might be mistaken for an Orthodox one, and the action at Sinai. The Forward's Zivion is therefore justified.

APPEAL TO JEWISH GROUPS ON DAILY PRESS PUBLICITY

Community Council Says Jews Penalized By Lack of Good Taste

Special
BOSTON—"Ill-advised pictures publicizing entertainments and other club and lodge activities," were the subject of an appeal by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston to the leaders of Jewish organizations.

A statement issued by Robert E. Segal, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council, declared: "Experiences of communities all over the country show conclusively that placing this type of publicity in the daily press not only penalizes all Jewish citizens from the standpoint of good taste in community relations, but also makes it difficult to obtain constructive press notices of serious and significant Jewish activities, because of the shortage of space."

"Jewish organization leaders have a responsibility, not only to their immediate groups in the matter of constructive public notices, but also to the entire Jewish community. While Jewish organizations most certainly have every right to request newspaper notices, it is most inadvisable to fritter away opportunities for improving the relationships between Jews and Christian by asking that daily newspapers publish trivia and undignified articles."

"The Jewish Community Council has a Public Relations Committee which is always glad to advise Jewish organizations on sensible approaches to the daily press."

U. S. Consular Officials May Now Give Visas

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WASHINGTON—The United States Government this week announced that pre-war immigration regulations are again in effect, and disclosed that aliens seeking to enter the United States after June 30 will be required only to apply directly to U. S. diplomatic and consular officials abroad who will have full authority to grant or refuse visas.

Buy WAR BONDS

FIND RECORDS OF JEWS USED BY NAZIS AS GUINEA PIGS—THERE WERE 21,500

By LANDRUM BOLLING
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
MAUTHAUSEN—Records showing that of 24,000 Jews brought by the Nazis from all parts of Europe to the Mauthausen camp—where German scientists used inmates as guinea pigs in poison-gas experiments—only 2,500 survived when the U. S. troops liberated this town were made public here.

At present there are only 349 Jewish men and 626 Jewish women left in the camp. About twenty-five percent of them expressed a desire to go to Palestine, while others said they wanted to emigrate to the United States, or to South America. The most tragic persons among these long-term inmates are those who, accustomed to the horrible camp life, are unable to face freedom and want to remain at Mauthausen.

The American commandant of the camp is a Jewish captain, Michael Levy, from Houston, Texas.

Police Find Mortar Loaded and Aimed

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—Police announced that they have discovered a loaded triple mortar battery, which was trained on the government printing plant near the Jerusalem railway station.

Polish Students Delivered Jews to Nazis, Charge

By OTTO SCHICK
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—Capt. Leon Peretz, a Jewish captain in the Polish Army who was liberated by American troops from a camp in Bavaria, this week charged that Polish anti-Semitic students, members of the Nara Party, cooperated with the Germans during the occupation of Poland and delivered many Jews to the Gestapo.

Arriving in London, Capt. Peretz, who is a relative of the famous Jewish writer, J. L. Peretz, told a press conference how he fought with a partisan unit battling the Germans in Poland, after he succeeded in escaping from a transport en route to the Sobibor death camp. He revealed that while working in the underground in Warsaw, he forged identity documents for Jews, adding that about 30,000 Jews hid in Warsaw using false documents, after the Germans liquidated the ghetto there following the Jewish uprising.

"Secret hideouts for Jews were maintained throughout the occupation," he related. "Three Jewish women and two men were kept in a walled-up room in a German factory in Warsaw and were secretly fed every night through a small hole. When one woman died, her body had to be cut into parts in order to be removed through the hole. The underground movement paid a thousand zlotys monthly for the upkeep of hiding Jews." Capt. Peretz, who was twice wounded, witnessed the gruesome execution of his parents and brothers.

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv was made an Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Civilian Division, in the recent King's birthday honors.

Berger Denies Seattle Paper's Statement

Special
DENVER, Colo.—Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive director of the American Council for Judaism, denied to Robert S. Ganzey, Managing Editor of the Intermountain Jewish News that he made the statement in the Seattle daily paper that, "In America . . . we feel a Jew should be an American first and a Jew afterward—just as another is an American first and a Protestant afterwards."

The Intermountain Jewish News reported that after Berger's address here, Charles Rosenbaum, national B'nai B'rith leader, was denied permission to state the facts on the Zionist side. Jack Weil, co-chairman ruled Rosenbaum out of order saying he would not allow an opposition speaker "because the Zionists never did."

Steps Quarter Mile Long to Lead to Dachau Gravestone

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
PARIS—A tall stone column surmounted by a Magen David, and a twin column with a cross on top are being erected at the Dachau concentration camp to mark the mass graves of the thousands of persons who were killed there.

The monuments, including a quarter of a mile of stone steps which will lead up to them, will cost about \$50,000 to be drawn from German funds. About 150 German civilians are working on the project the report said, and stones are being taken from the Nuremberg Stadium in which the Nazis used to stage their monster rallies.

Memorial Services Held
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
MUNICH—Black-bordered blue-and-white Zionist flags flew from a platform at the Dachau concentration camp this week as former Jewish prisoners and U. S. officers and

men participated in a ceremony marking the liberation of the camp and commemorating the thousands of persons who died there.

May Erect Memorial in Palestine

Special
JERUSALEM—Leaders of the Yishuv are giving serious consideration to a proposal for the erection in Palestine of a memorial building under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund, to commemorate the Jewish lives and culture exterminated by the Nazis. The memorial establishment would have pavilions to commemorate the Jewish Warrior and the Unknown Jewish Soldier and a pavilion in which would be assembled the history, records and archives of the destroyed Jewish communities, organization, institutions, Jewish family records and material dealing with the history of Palestine.



How He Saved a GI's Life Told

Cpl. Irving Yablonsky of the Bronx shows the penknife, with which he performed a battlefield operation, to Cadet Nurse Thelma King, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at the Thomas M. England General hospital in Atlantic City. Yablonsky is recovering from severe machinegun wounds received in the "Battle of the Bulge." The penknife surgery was performed in the Ardennes battle, when he used the knife to enlarge a bad chest wound suffered by a GI. In this manner, he found a severed blood vessel, through which the man's life was oozing away, and clamped it with a pair of forceps. The corporal was a pharmacist in civilian life.

NEW WOMEN'S LODGE IN PALESTINE MEMORIALIZES JEWISH JOAN OF ARC

Special
JERUSALEM—The name of the late Sarah Aaronson, Palestine Jewry's Joan of Arc, was permanently memorialized this week by Palestine B'nai B'rith when it installed the fifth chapter of the B'nai B'rith Women in Eretz Israel as Sarah Chapter at Zichron Jacob, where Miss Aaronson died in 1917.

Simultaneously, Justice Gad Frumkin, president of B'nai B'rith's Palestine Grand Lodge, announced the establishment of two more B'nai B'rith lodges, bringing the total of units in Eretz Israel to 15, with a combined membership of 1,500.

Sarah Aaronson and her brother, Aaron, conceived the plan of carrying the British offensive into Palestine during World War I. After persuading the British to invade Eretz Israel, the Aaronsons organized an intelligence service for the British. A carrier pigeon with a note from Miss Aaronson to General Allenby, British commander in the Middle East, was intercepted by the Turks. As a result the entire Aaronson family was captured. After enduring days of torture, Miss Aaronson committed suicide.

Britain to Admit 1000 Children

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—The British Government has granted permission to the Committee for Jewish Refugees here to bring to Britain 1,000 Jewish children from the concentration camps in Germany, it was announced by Otto Schiff, chairman of the organization.

The children will be placed under the supervision of Jewish organizations and will be maintained by Jewish relief funds collected in Britain.

Jewish Paper Riles Gerald Smith

Special
SAN FRANCISCO—Gerald L. K. Smith devoted practically his entire talk at the old "Ham and Eggs" hall here to a defense of himself against charges made in an article in The B'nai B'rith Messenger. During the course of the talk he praised Rabbi Elmer Berger, Executive Director of the American Council for Judaism, as a good Jew. The article in the B'nai B'rith Messenger had been written by two Jewish reporters.

Sweden To Admit 10,000
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—Sweden has agreed to admit for permanent settlement 10,000 refugees who cannot return to their countries of origin, the newspaper, People, reports from Stockholm.

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